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[Many of the 51 occurrences of “today” and some of the 23 of “this day” suggest that this book of Deuteronomy was the transcript of Moses’ last sermon to the people of Israel, given on his birthday (31:2, 1:3), (near) his last day with them: 9:1, 31:1,14, 22. He seems to have added it to a compilation of other writings (presumably, Genesis-Numbers) to make “This Book of the Law”: 28:61, 31:9,24-26.]

[Audio: [Steve Gregg Intro, De 1-3](#)]

Deuteronomy 1

Location and Date of Speaking

1:1 ¶ These are the words that Moses spoke to all Israel on this [eastern] side of the Jordan in the wilderness, in the plain opposite

[maps don’t make sense: lost locations in and around the plains of Moab]

[Suph](#) [“sea weed”],

between

[Paran](#) [“place of caverns”],

[Tophel](#) [“white”],

[Laban](#) [“white”],

[Hazereth](#) [“settlement”], and

[Dizahab](#) [“enough gold”]. 2

It is eleven [11] days’ journey from Horeb [“desert”] by way of Mount Seir [“hairy/shaggy”] to Kadesh [“holy”] Barnea

[“wilderness of wandering”]

[~165 miles, so ~15 miles/day, but by what mode of travel?]. 3

Now it came to pass in the fortieth year, in the eleventh month, on the first day of the month [ExodusYear +39/11/01: 2553 AB, Ex 12:41], that Moses spoke

to the children of Israel according to all that YHWH had given him as commandments to them, 4 after he had killed

Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt in Heshbon, and

Og king of Bashan, who dwelt at Ashtaroth in Edrei. 5

[Sihon “warrior”; Heshbon “stronghold”; Og “long-necked”; Bashan “fruitful”; Ashtaroth “star”; Edrei “goodly pasture”]

On this side of the Jordan in the land of Moab, Moses began to explain this law, saying, 6

[1:6-8 Copied to Follow Nu 10:10]

Moses Recounts God’s Command to Possess the Land

“YHWH our God spoke to us in Horeb [same as or next to Mt. Sinai], saying:

‘You have dwelt long enough at this mountain [Mt. Sinai]. 7

Turn and take your journey, and go to the mountains of the Amorites, to all the neighboring places in the plain, in the mountains and in the lowland, in the South and on the seacoast, to the land of the Canaanites and to Lebanon, as far as the great river, the River Euphrates. 8

See, I have set the land before you; go in and possess the land

that YHWH swore to your fathers — to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob — to give to them and their descendants after them.’

[1:9-18 Copied to Follow Ex 18]

Moses Recounts Appointing Leaders

9 ¶ “And I spoke to you at that time [almost 39 years before], saying:

‘I alone am not able to bear you. 10 YHWH your God has multiplied you, and here you are today, as the stars of heaven in multitude. 11 May YHWH, God of your fathers, make you a thousand [1,000] times more numerous than you are [>2B], and bless you as He has promised you!

12 How can I alone bear your problems and your burdens and your complaints? 13 Choose

wise, understanding, and knowledgeable

men from among your tribes, and I will make them heads over you.’ 14

And you answered me and said,

‘The thing that you have told us to do is good.’ 15

So I took the heads of your tribes, wise and knowledgeable men, and made them heads over you —

leaders of thousands [1,000s],

leaders of hundreds [100s],

leaders of fifties [50s],

leaders of tens [10s] —

and officers for your tribes. 16 Then I commanded your judges at that time, saying,

‘Hear the cases between your brethren, and judge righteously between a man and his brother or the stranger who is with him. 17 You shall not show partiality in judgment; you shall hear the small as well as the great; you shall not be afraid in any man’s presence, for the judgment

is God’s. The case that is too hard for you, bring to me, and I will hear it.’ 18

And I commanded you at that time all the things that you should do.

[1:19-46 Copied into Nu 13-14]

Moses Recounts the Spies Incident

19 ¶ “So we departed from Horeb, and went through all that great and terrible wilderness that you saw on the way to the mountains of the Amorites, as YHWH our God had commanded us. Then we came to Kadesh Barnea. 20

And I said to you,

‘You have come to the mountains of the Amorites, which YHWH our God is giving us. 21 Look, YHWH your God has set the land before you; go up and possess it, as YHWH, God of your fathers, has spoken to you; do not fear or be discouraged.’ 22

And everyone of you came near to me and said,

‘Let us send men before us, and let them search out the land for us, and bring back word to us of the way by which we should go up, and of the cities into which we shall come.’ 23

The plan pleased me well; so I took twelve [12] of your men, one man from each tribe. 24 And they departed and went up into the mountains, and came to the Valley of Eshcol [“cluster”], and spied it out. 25 They also took some of the fruit of the land in their hands and brought it down to us; and they brought back word to us, saying,

‘It is a good land that YHWH our God is giving us.’ 26

Nevertheless you would not go up, but

rebelled against the command of YHWH your God; 27 and you complained in your tents, and said,

‘Because YHWH hates us, He has brought us out of the land of Egypt to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us. 28 Where can we go up? Our brethren have discouraged our hearts, saying,

“The people are greater and taller than we; the cities are great and fortified up to heaven; moreover we have seen the sons of the Anakim there.” 29

Then I said to you,

‘Do not be terrified, or afraid of them. 30 YHWH your God, who goes before you, He will fight for you, according to all He did for you in Egypt before your eyes, 31 and in the wilderness where you saw how YHWH your God carried you, as a man carries his son, in all the way that you went until you came to this place.’ 32

Yet, for all that, you did not believe YHWH your God, 33 who went in the way before you to search out a place for you to pitch your tents, to show you the way you should go, in the fire by night and in the cloud by day. 34 And YHWH heard the sound of your words, and was angry, and took an oath, saying, 35

‘Surely not one of these men of this evil generation [cf. 32:5,20 & note at Mt 24:41, Oct 27] shall see that good land of which I swore to give to your fathers, 36 except Caleb the son of Jephunneh; he shall see it, and to him and his children I am giving the land on which he walked, because he wholly followed YHWH.’

37

(YHWH was also [later: Nu 20:12] angry with me for your sakes, saying,

‘Even you shall not go in there; 38 Joshua the son of Nun, who stands before you, he shall go in there. Encourage him, for he shall cause Israel to inherit it. 39 Moreover your little ones and your children, who you say will be victims [Nu 14:3], who today have no knowledge of good and evil [Is 7:16], they shall go in there; to them I will give it, and they shall possess it. 40 But as for you, turn and take your journey into the wilderness by the Way [Road] of the Red Sea.’ 41

Then you answered and said to me,

‘We have sinned against YHWH.

We will go up and fight, just as YHWH our God commanded us.’

And when everyone of you had girded on his weapons of war, you were ready to go up into the mountain. 42 And YHWH said to me,

‘Tell them,

“Do not go up nor fight, for

I am not among you; lest you be defeated before your enemies.” 43

So I spoke to you; yet you would not listen, but [again] rebelled against the command of YHWH, and presumptuously went up into the mountain. 44 And the Amorites who dwelt in that mountain came out against you and chased you as bees do, and drove you back from Seir to Hormah [“devotion”]. 45

Then you returned and wept before YHWH, but YHWH would not listen to your voice nor give ear to you. 46 So you remained in Kadesh many days, according to the days that you spent there.

Deuteronomy 2

[2:1-7 Copied to Precede Nu 21:4b-9]

Moses Recounts Skirting Edom

2:1 ¶ Then we turned and journeyed into the wilderness of the Way of the Red Sea, as YHWH spoke to me, and we skirted Mount Seir for many days. 2 And YHWH spoke to me, saying: 3

‘You have skirted this mountain [range] long enough; turn northward. 4 And command the people, saying,

“You are about to pass through the territory [coast: AV; border: YLT, LXX; hence, edge] of your brethren, the descendants of Esau, who live in Seir; and they will be afraid of you. Therefore watch yourselves carefully. 5 Do not meddle with them, for I will not give you any of their land, no, not so much as one footstep, because I have given Mount Seir to Esau as a possession.

6 You shall buy food from them with money, that you may eat; and you shall also buy water from them with money, that you may drink. 7 For YHWH your God has blessed you in all the work of your hand. He knows your trudging through this great wilderness. These forty [40] years YHWH your God has been with you; you have lacked nothing.”

[2:8-15 Copied to Follow Nu 21:4b-9]

Moses Recounts Skirting Moab

8 ¶ And when we passed beyond our brethren, the descendants of Esau who dwell in Seir, away from

the road of the plain, away from Elath [“grove of lofty trees”] and Ezion Geber [“backbone of a man”], we turned and passed by way of the Wilderness of Moab. 9 Then YHWH said to me,

‘Do not harass Moab [Lot’s first son through his oldest daughter: Ge 19:37], nor contend with them in battle, for I will not give you any of their land as a possession, because I have given Ar [“a city”] to the descendants of Lot as a possession. 10

(The Emim [“terrors”, thus terrorists; Ge 14:5d] had dwelt there in times past, a people as great and numerous and tall as the Anakim [“long-necked”]. 11 They were also regarded as giants, like the Anakim, but the Moabites call them Emim. 12 The Horites formerly dwelt in Seir, but the descendants of Esau dispossessed them and destroyed them from before them, and dwelt in their place, just as Israel did to the land of their possession that YHWH gave them. [v24; 3:12,18]) 13

Now rise and cross over the Valley of the Zered [“osier brook” feeds into the Arnon River].’

So we crossed over the Valley of the Zered. 14 And the time we took to come from Kadesh Barnea [Nu 20:22] until we crossed over the Valley of the Zered [Nu 21:12] was thirty-eight [38] years, until all the generation of the men of war was consumed from the midst of the camp, just as YHWH had sworn to them. 15 For indeed the hand of YHWH was against them, to destroy them from the midst of the camp until they were consumed.

[2:16-23 Copied to Follow Nu 21:12]

Moses Told to Avoid Ammon

16 So it was, when all the men of war had finally perished from among the people, 17 that YHWH spoke to me, saying: 18

‘This day you are to cross over at Ar, the boundary of Moab. 19 And when you come near the people of Ammon [Lot’s second son (Ben-Ammi) through his youngest daughter: Ge 19:38], do not harass them or meddle with them, for I will not give you any of the land of the people of Ammon as a possession, because I have given it to the descendants of Lot as a possession. 20

(That was also regarded as a land of giants; giants formerly dwelt there. But the Ammonites call them Zam-zummim [“plotters”; also called Rephaim by others: 3:11], 21 a people as great and numerous and tall as the Anakim. But YHWH destroyed them before them, and they dispossessed them and dwelt in their place, 22 just as He had done for the descendants of Esau, who dwelt in Seir, when He destroyed the Horites from before them. They dispossessed them and dwelt in their place, even to this day. 23 And the Avim [“ruins”], who dwelt in villages as far as Gaza — the Caphtorim, who came from Caphtor [“a crown”; Crete, the original home of the Philistines], destroyed them and dwelt in their place.)

[2:24-37 Copied to Follow Nu 21:32]

Moses Recounts About King Sihon

24 ¶ Rise, take your journey, and cross over the River Arnon. Look, I have given into your hand Sihon the Amorite, king of Heshbon, and his land. Begin to possess it, and engage him in battle. 25 This day I will begin to put the dread and fear of you upon the nations under the whole heaven, who shall hear the report of you, and shall tremble and be in anguish because of you.’ 26

And I sent messengers from the Wilderness of Kedemoth [“eastern”; one of the towns in the district east of the Dead Sea later allotted to the tribe of Reuben and given to the Merarite Levites] to Sihon king of Heshbon, with words of peace, saying, 27

‘Let me pass through your land; I will keep strictly to the road, and I will turn neither to the right nor to the left. 28 You shall sell me food for money, that I may eat, and give me water for money, that I may drink; only let me pass through on foot, 29 just as the descendants of Esau who dwell in Seir and the Moabites who dwell in Ar did for me, until I cross the Jordan to the land that YHWH our God is giving us.’ 30

But Sihon king of Heshbon would not let us pass through, for YHWH your God hardened his spirit and made his heart obstinate, that He might deliver him into your hand, as it is this day. 31

And YHWH said to me,

‘See, I have begun to give Sihon and his land over to you. Begin to possess it, that you may inherit his land.’ 32

Then Sihon and all his people came out against us to fight at Jahaz. 33 And YHWH our God delivered him over to us; so we defeated

him,
his sons, and
all his people. 34

We took all his cities at that time, and we utterly destroyed the

men,
women, and
little ones

of every city; we left none remaining. 35 We took only the livestock as plunder for ourselves, with the spoil of the cities that we took. 36 From Aroer [“ruins”], which is on the bank of the River Arnon, and from the city that is in the ravine, as far as Gilead

[“rocky region”; a mountainous region bounded on the west by the Jordan, on the north by Bashan, on the east by the Arabian plateau, and on the south by Moab and Ammon; sometimes called ‘Mount Gilead’ or the ‘land of Gilead’ or just ‘Gilead’; divided into north and south],

there was not one city too strong for us; YHWH our God delivered all to us. 37 [This area later became the home of the tribe of Reuben.]

Only you did not go near the land of the people of Ammon — anywhere along the River Jabbok, or to the cities of the mountains, or wherever YHWH our God had forbidden us.

Deuteronomy 3

[3:1-11 Copied to Follow Nu 21:35]

Moses Recounts About King Og

3:1 ¶ Then we turned and went up the road [presumably continuing on the King’s Highway] to Bashan; and Og king of Bashan came out against us, he and all his people, to battle at Edrei. 2 And YHWH said to me,

‘Do not fear him, for I have delivered him and all his people and his land into your hand; you shall do to him as you did to Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt at Heshbon.’ 3

So YHWH our God also delivered into our hands Og king of Bashan, with all his people, and we attacked him until he had no survivors remaining. 4 And we took all his cities at that time; there was not a city that we did not take from them: sixty [60] cities, all the region of Argob [“heap of clods”], the kingdom of Og in Bashan — 5 all these cities were fortified with high walls, gates, and bars — besides a great many rural towns. 6 And we utterly destroyed them, as we did to Sihon king of Heshbon, utterly destroying the men, women, and children of every city. 7 But all the livestock and the spoil of the cities we took as booty for ourselves. 8

[The southern part of this area later became the home of the tribe of Gad. The northern part became Gilead, occupied by half of the tribe of Manasseh (v12).]

And at that time we took the land from the hand of the two kings of the Amorites [Sihon & Og] who were on this side of the Jordan, from

the River Arnon to Mount Hermon [“a sanctuary”; a mountain on the northeastern border of Palestine and Lebanon and overlooking what later became the border city of Dan] 9

(the Sidonians call Hermon ‘Sirion’ [“breastplate”], and the Amorites call it ‘Senir’ [“snow mountain”]), 10

all the cities of the plain, all Gilead [later so named], and all Bashan,

as far as

Salcah [“migration”; a town or district at the extreme eastern limit of Bashan later allocated to the tribe of Gad; modern ‘Sulkhad’ is 56 miles (90 km) east of the Jordan at the southern extremity of the Hauran mountain range] and

Edrei [“goodly pasture”], cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan.

11 For only Og king of Bashan remained of the remnant of the giants [Rephaim]. Indeed his bedstead was an iron bedstead. (Is it not in Rabbah of the people of Ammon?) Nine cubits [~13½ feet] is its length and four cubits [~6 feet] its width, according to the standard cubit. [Ge 15:16 “the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete”]

[3:12-20 Copied to Follow Nu 32]

Moses Recounts Gilead Land Grants

12 And this land, which we possessed at that time, from Aroer, which is by the River Arnon, and half the mountains of Gilead and its cities, I gave to the Reubenites and the Gadites. 13 The rest of Gilead, and all Bashan, the kingdom of Og, I gave to half the tribe of Manasseh.

(All the region of Argob, with all Bashan, was called the land of the giants.

14 Jair the son of Manasseh took

all the region of Argob,

as far as the border of

the Geshurites

[inhabitants of Geshur] and

the Maachathites

[“pressure (literally she has pressed”); a people dwelling in Transjordan, probably descendants of a Maachath],

and called Bashan after his own name,

Havoth Jair [“villages of Jair”], to this day.) 15

Also I gave Gilead to Machir. 16 And to the Reubenites and the Gadites I gave from Gilead as far as the River Arnon, the middle of the river as the border, as far as the River Jabbok, the border of the people of Ammon; 17 the plain also, with the Jordan as the border, from Chinnereth [“harps”; early name of the Sea of Galilee; later, a town and district in Naphtali near that Sea; Nu 34:11]

as far as

the east side of the Sea of the Arabah (the Salt Sea [Dead Sea]), below the slopes of Pisgah [including Mt. Nebo].

Moses Recounts Charge to 3 Tribes

18 Then I commanded you [people of Reuben, Gad, and (½) Manasseh] at that time, saying:

‘YHWH your God has given you this land to possess. All you men of valor shall cross over armed before your brethren, the children of Israel. 19 But your wives, your little ones, and your livestock (I know that you have much livestock) shall stay in your cities that I have given you, 20 until YHWH has given rest to your brethren as to you, and they also possess the land that YHWH your God is giving them beyond the Jordan. Then each of you may return to his possession that I have given you.’ [cf. Mt 5:5]

Notes:

There were and had been lots of giants in this area. Og (v11, 13b), the Zamzummim (2:20), the Emmim and Anakim (2:10), and later the Philistine giants, Goliath and his brothers. So the giants of Genesis 6 (wiped out by the Flood) were not so unusual, and not likely the offspring of fallen angels, as some believe.

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Deuteronomy 3:21

[3:21-29 Copied to Follow Nu 27]

Moses Recounts Charge to Joshua

21 ¶ And I commanded Joshua at that time, saying,

‘Your eyes have seen all that YHWH your God has done to these two kings [Sihon & Og]; so will YHWH do to all the kingdoms through which you pass. 22 You must not fear them, for YHWH your God Himself fights for you.’ 23

Then I pleaded with YHWH at that time, saying: 24

‘O Lord YHWH [Adonai YHWH], You have begun to show Your servant Your greatness and Your mighty hand,

for what god is there in heaven or on land [earth] who can do anything like Your works and Your mighty deeds? 25

I pray, let me cross over and see the good land beyond the Jordan, those pleasant mountains, and Lebanon.’ 26

But YHWH was angry with me on your account, and would not listen to me. So YHWH said to me:

‘Enough of that! Speak no more to Me of this matter. 27 Go up to the top of [Mount] Pisgah [“cleft”]; same as Mt Nebo], and lift your eyes toward

the west,
the north,
the south, and
the east;

behold it with your eyes, for you shall not cross over this Jordan. 28

But

command Joshua, and encourage him and strengthen him;

for he shall go over before this people, and he shall cause them to inherit the land that you will see.’ 29 [cf. Mt 5:5]

So we stayed in the valley opposite Beth Peor [“house of Peor”].

[Audio: Steve Gregg De 4]

Deuteronomy 4 Statutes and Judgments

4:1 ¶ Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the judgments

that I teach you to observe, that you may live, and go in and possess the land that YHWH God of your fathers is giving you. 2

You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of YHWH your God that I command you. [cf. 12:32; Pr 30:6, Re 22:18]

3 Your eyes have seen what YHWH did [judgment: Nu 25] at Baal Peor [“lord of the gap”]; for YHWH your God has destroyed from among you all the men who followed Baal [“lord”] of Peor. 4 But you who held fast to YHWH your God are alive today, every one of you. 5 Surely I have taught you statutes and judgments,

just as YHWH my God commanded me, that you should act according to them in the land that you go to possess. 6 Therefore be careful to observe them; for this is [cf. Ps 119:97-100]

your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples who will hear all these statutes, and say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’ 7

For what great nation is there that has God so near to it, as YHWH our God is to us, for whatever reason we may call upon Him? 8

And what great nation is there that has such statutes and righteous judgments as are in all this law that I set before you this day? 9

Only take heed to yourself [be sure], and diligently keep yourself,

lest you forget the things your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life.

And teach them to your children and your grandchildren, 10 especially concerning the day you stood before YHWH your God in Horeb [Mt. Sinai],

when YHWH said to me, ‘Gather the people to Me, and I will let them hear My words, that they may learn to fear Me all the days they live on the land [earth], and that they may teach their children.’ 11

Then you came near and stood at the foot of the mountain, and the mountain burned with fire [Ex 19:18] to the midst of heaven, with darkness, cloud, and thick darkness [obscurity]. 12

And YHWH spoke to you out of the midst of the fire. You heard the sound of the words, but saw no form; you only heard a voice. 13 So He declared to you

His covenant that He commanded you to perform, the Ten Commandments [Ex 20]; [first use of this term] and He wrote them on two tablets of stone. 14

And YHWH commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and judgments, [Ex 21:1-23:19] that you might observe them in the land that you cross over to possess.

No Images, Forms, Likenesses

15 Take careful heed to yourselves, for you saw no form when YHWH spoke to you at Horeb [Sinai] out of the midst of the fire, 16 lest you act corruptly and make for yourselves

a carved image

in the form of any figure:

the likeness of male or female, 17

the likeness of any animal

that is on the land [earth] or

the likeness of any winged bird

that flies in the air [heaven], 18

the likeness of anything

that creeps on the ground or

the likeness of any fish

that is in the water beneath

[below in altitude] the land

[earth]. 19

And take heed, lest you lift your eyes to heaven, and when you see

the sun,

the moon, and

the stars —

all the host of heaven, [Job 31:26]

you feel driven to

worship them and

serve them,

which YHWH your God

has assigned [given] to

all the peoples under the whole heaven

as a heritage. 20

But YHWH has

taken you and

brought you

out of the iron furnace,

out of Egypt. [Jer 11:4]

to be

His people,

an inheritance,

as you are this day. 21

Furthermore, YHWH was angry with me for your sakes, and swore that I would not cross over the Jordan, and that I would not enter the good land

that YHWH your God is giving you as an inheritance. 22 But

I must die in this land,

I must not cross over the Jordan;

but you shall

cross over and

possess that good land. 23

Remember YHWH's Covenant

Take heed to yourselves, lest you forget

the covenant of YHWH your God

that He made with you,

and make for yourselves

a carved image

in the form of anything

that YHWH your God

has forbidden you. 24

For YHWH your God is

a consuming fire [Ex 24:17],

a jealous God [De 5:9, Ex 20:5]. 25

When you beget children and grand-

children and have grown old in the land,

and act corruptly and make

a carved image

in the form of anything,

and do evil in the sight of YHWH your

God to provoke Him to anger, 26

I call [the hosts of]

heaven and

land [earth]

to witness against you this day, that you

will soon utterly perish from the land

that you cross over the Jordan to pos-

sess; you will not prolong your days in

it, but will be utterly destroyed. 27

And YHWH will scatter you among the peoples, and you will be left

few in number

among the nations

where YHWH will drive you. 28

And there you will serve gods,

the work of men's hands,

wood and stone,

which neither

see nor

hear nor

eat nor

smell

[cf. Ps 115:4-8 ~ 135:15-18]

[e.g., modern secular Jews]. 29

But from there

you will seek YHWH your God, and

you will find Him

if you seek Him

with all your heart and

with all your soul. 30

When you are in distress, and all these

things come upon you in the latter days

[i.e., future days], when

you turn to YHWH your God and

obey His voice 31

(for YHWH your God is a merciful God),

He will

not forsake you

nor destroy you,

nor forget

the covenant of your fathers

that He swore to them. 32

For ask now concerning

the days that are past,

which were before [preceded] you,

since the day [the 6th: Ge 1:27]

that God created man

on the land [earth],

and ask

from one end of heaven

to the other,

whether any great thing

like this [vv33-34] has happened,

or anything

like it [vv33-34] has been heard: 33

Did any people ever

hear the voice of God speaking

out of the midst of the fire,

as you have heard, and

live? 34 Or:

Did God ever try to go

and take for Himself a nation

from the midst of another nation,

by trials,

by signs,

by wonders,

by war,

by a mighty hand and

an outstretched arm, and

by great terrors,

according to [referring to]

all that YHWH your God did for you

in Egypt

before your eyes? 35

To you it was shown, [reason:]

that you might know

that YHWH Himself is God;

there is none other besides Him. 36

Out of heaven

He let you hear His voice,

that He might instruct you;

On land [earth]

He showed you His great fire, and

you heard His words

out of the midst of the fire. 37

And because He loved your fathers,
therefore He chose
their descendants after them;
and He brought you out of Egypt
with His Presence,
with His mighty power, 38
driving out from before you
nations greater and mightier than you,
to bring you in,
to give you their land
as an inheritance,
as it is this day. 39

Therefore
know this day, and
consider in your heart,
that YHWH Himself is God
in heaven above and
on the land [earth] beneath;
there is no other. 40
You shall therefore keep
His statutes and
His commandments
that I command you today, [reasons:]
that it may go well
with you — and
with your children after you — and
that you may prolong your days
in the land
that YHWH your God
is giving you for all time.”
[Both long lives individually and
collectively long in the land —
conditional on keeping
His commandments.]

Three Eastern Cities of Refuge

41 Then Moses set apart three [3] cities
on this [eastern] side of the Jordan,
toward the rising of the sun, 42
that the manslayer might flee there,
who kills his neighbor unintentionally,
without having hated him in time past,
and that by fleeing to one of these cities
he might live: 43
Bezer [“gold ore” or “remote fortress”]
in the wilderness on the plateau
for the Reubenites,
Ramoth [“heights”; no correct map]
in Gilead
for the Gadites, and
Golan [“their captivity: their rejoicing”]
in Bashan
for the Manassites. 44

Introduction to a Review and Expansion of Covenant Stipulations

Now this [chapter 4: cf. 4:1] is the law
that Moses set before the children of
Israel. 45 These are
the testimonies,
the statutes, and
the judgments
that Moses spoke to the children of
Israel after they came out of Egypt. 46
[where spoken:]
on this [east] side of the Jordan,

in the valley opposite Beth Peor
[“house of Peor (the gap)”],
in the land of Sihon
king of the Amorites,
who dwelt at Heshbon,
whom
Moses and
the children of Israel
defeated
after they came out of Egypt. 47
(And they took possession of
his land and
the land of Og king of Bashan,
two kings of the Amorites, who were
on this [east] side of the Jordan,
toward the rising of the sun, 48
from Aroer [“ruins”],
which is on the bank of the River
Arnon [“rushing stream”],
even to Mount Sion
[“lofty”; in the northeast]
(that is, Hermon [“a sanctuary”]),
49 and
all the plain
on the east side of the Jordan
as far as the Sea of the Arabah
[the Salt Sea, aka Dead Sea],
below the slopes of Pisgah
[“cleft”; a mountain in Moab on
the northeast shore of the Dead Sea;
site uncertain, also called Nebo].)

[Audio: Steve Gregg De 5-6]

Deuteronomy 5

5:1 ¶ And Moses called all Israel, and
said to them:
“Hear, O Israel,
the statutes and judgments
that I speak in your hearing today,
that you may
learn them and
be careful to observe them. 2
YHWH our God made [↓ Mt. Sinai]
a covenant with us in Horeb. 3
YHWH did not make
this covenant
[only] with our fathers, but
[also] with us,
those who are here today,
all of us who are alive. 4
YHWH talked with you
face to face
on the mountain
from the midst of the fire. 5
I stood between YHWH and you
at that time,
to declare to you the word of YHWH;
for you were afraid because of the fire,
and you did not go up the mountain.
He said:

Ten Commandments Repeated

[nearly verbatim with Exodus 20]

[Deuteronomy paralled with next column]

(1) 6 ¶ “I am YHWH your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. 7 You shall have no other gods before Me.

(2) 8 You shall not make for yourself a carved image — any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the land [earth] beneath, or that is in the water under [lower than] the land [earth]; 9 you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, YHWH your God, am a jealous God, visiting [the consequences of] the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, 10 but showing mercy to thousands [1,000s (of gens.: 7:9b)], to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

(3) 11 You shall not take [on you] the name of YHWH your God in vain, for YHWH will not hold him guiltless who takes [on himself] His name in vain.

(4) 12 Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy

(as YHWH your God commanded you). 13

Six [6] days you shall labor and do all your work, 14 but the seventh [7th] day is the Sabbath of YHWH your God.

In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your ox, nor your donkey, nor any of your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates, that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as [along with] you.

Exodus 20

(1) 2 “I am YHWH your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. 3 You shall have no other gods before Me.

(2) 4 You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the land [earth] beneath, or that is in the water under [lower than] the land [earth]; 5 you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, YHWH your God, am a jealous God, visiting [the consequences of] the iniquity of the fathers _on the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, 6 but showing mercy to thousands [1,000s (of generations)], to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

(3) 7 You shall not take [on you] the name of YHWH your God in vain, for YHWH will not hold him guiltless who takes [on himself] His name in vain.

(4) 8 Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

9

Six [6] days you shall labor and do all your work, 10 but the seventh [7th] day is the Sabbath of YHWH your God.

In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates.

[Deuteronomy paralled with next column]

15 (And remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and YHWH your God brought you out from there by a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm; therefore YHWH your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.)

[Slaves need rest: Ps 95:11, He 4:9]

[Quoted by Jesus: Mt15:4 || Mk7:10]

(5) 16 Honor your father and your mother, (as YHWH your God has commanded you)

that your days may be long, and that it may be well with you in the land that YHWH your God is giving you.

(6) 17 You shall not murder.

(7) 18 You shall not commit adultery.

(8) 19 You shall not steal.

(9) 20 You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

(10) 21 You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife; and you shall not desire your neighbor’s house, [nor] his field, [nor]

his male servant, [nor] his female servant, [nor] his ox, [nor] his donkey, _or anything that is your neighbor’s.’

Exodus 20

[← A different reason for the Sabbath]

[NKJ: “For in”; more accurate:] 11

For six [6] days YHWH made [worked on, prepared] the heavens and the land [earth], the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh [7th] day.

Therefore, YHWH blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it. [Cf. Ex 31:12-17; Ge 2:3] [Quoted by Paul: Ep 6:2-3]

(5) 12 ¶ Honor your father and your mother,

that your days may be long upon the land that YHWH your God is giving you.

(6) 13 You shall not murder.

(7) 14 You shall not commit adultery.

(8) 15 You shall not steal.

(9) 16 You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

(10) 17 You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; [and] you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, nor

his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor’s.’

22 These words **YHWH** spoke to all your assembly, in the mountain from the midst of the fire, the cloud, and the thick darkness [Ex 19:18], with a loud voice; and He added no more. And He wrote them on two tablets of stone and gave them to me. [Ex 25:16, 31:18, 34:1]

23 ¶ So it was, when you heard the voice from the midst of the darkness, while the mountain was burning with fire [Ex 19:18], that you came near to me, all the heads of your tribes and your elders. 24 And you said:

‘Surely **YHWH our God** has shown us His glory and His greatness,

and we have heard His voice from the midst of the fire. We have seen this day that **God** speaks with man; yet he still lives. 25

Now therefore, why should we die? For this great fire will consume us; if we hear the voice of **YHWH our God** anymore, then we shall die [18:16b, Ex 20:19]. 26 For who is there of all flesh who has heard the voice of the living **God** [first use of this term] speaking from the midst of the fire, as we have, and lived? 27 You go near and hear all that **YHWH our God** may say, and tell us all that **YHWH our God** says to you, and we will hear and do it.’

28

Then **YHWH** heard the voice of your words when you spoke to me, and **YHWH** said to me:

‘I have heard the voice of the words of this people that they have spoken to you. They are right in all that they have spoken. 29 Oh, that they had such a heart in them that they would fear Me and always keep all My commandments, that it might be well with them and with their children forever! 30 Go and say to them,

“Return to your tents.” 31

But as for you, stand here by Me, and I will speak to you all

the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments

that you shall teach them,

[to this end:]

that they may observe them in the land

that I am giving them to possess.’

32 Therefore you shall be careful to do as **YHWH your God** has commanded you; you shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left. 33

You shall walk in all the ways that **YHWH your God** has commanded you, [to these ends:]

that you may live and that it may be well with you, and that you may prolong your days in the land

that you shall possess.

[6:4 = the Jewish “Shema” (“hear”)^] [Jesus: “The greatest commandment”: Mt 22:37 // Mk 12:29; and Lu 10:27]

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Deuteronomy 6

Keep the Commandments

6:1 ¶ Now this is the commandment, and these are the statutes and judgments

that **YHWH** your **God** has commanded to teach you, [purposes:] that you may observe them in the land that you are crossing over to possess, 2 that you may fear **YHWH your God**, to keep all

His statutes and His commandments

that I command you, you and your son and your grandson, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged. 3 Therefore hear, O Israel, and be careful to observe them, [reasons:]

that it may be well with you, and that you may multiply greatly as **YHWH God of your fathers** has promised you —

‘a land flowing with milk and honey’.

4 ¶ Hear, O Israel: [see note to the left] **YHWH our God, YHWH is one!** 5

You shall love **YHWH your God**

with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. 6

And these words that I command you today shall be in your heart. 7

You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them

when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. 8

You shall bind them as a sign on your hand [to do], and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes [to know]. 9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house [to remind yourself] and on your gates [to tell others]. 10 So it shall be, when **YHWH your God** brings you into the land of which He swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give you

large and beautiful cities that you did not build, 11 houses full of all good things that you did not fill, hewn-out wells

that you did not dig, vineyards and olive trees

that you did not plant — when you have eaten and are full — 12

then beware, lest you forget **YHWH** who brought you

out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. 13

[Paraphrased by Jesus]

You shall [in Mt 4:10 // Lu 4:8]

fear **YHWH your God** and serve Him, and shall take oaths in His name. 14

You shall not go after other gods, the gods of the peoples who are all around you 15 (for **YHWH your God** is a jealous God among you), lest the anger of **YHWH your God** be aroused against you and destroy you from the face of the land [earth]. 16 [Quoted by Jesus in Mt 4:7 // Lu 4:12] You shall not tempt **YHWH your God** as you tempted Him in Massah [“temptation”; also, ‘Meribah’].

17 ¶ You shall diligently keep the commandments of YHWH your God, His testimonies, and His statutes

that He has commanded you. 18 And you shall do *what is* right and good in the sight of YHWH, [reasons:] that it may be well with you, and that you may go in and possess the good land of which YHWH swore to your fathers, 19 to cast out all your enemies from before you, as YHWH has spoken. 20 When your son asks you in time to come, saying,

‘What is the meaning of the testimonies, the statutes, and the judgments

that YHWH our God has commanded you?’ 21 [A teachable moment] then you shall say to your son:

‘We were slaves of Pharaoh in Egypt, and YHWH brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand; 22 and YHWH showed signs and wonders before our eyes, great and severe, against Egypt,

Pharaoh, and all his household. 23

Then He brought us out from there, [reason:] that He might bring us in, to give us the land of which He swore to our fathers. 24

And YHWH commanded us to observe all these statutes, to fear YHWH our God, for our good always,

[reason:]

that He might preserve us alive, as it is this day. 25

Then it will be righteousness for us, if we are careful to observe all these commandments before YHWH our God, as He has commanded us.’

[Audio: Steve Gregg De 7-9]

Deuteronomy 7

Destroy the Seven Nations

7:1 ¶ When YHWH your God brings you into the land that you go to possess, and has cast out many nations before you, the Hittites and the Girgashites and the Amorites and the Canaanites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites,

seven [7] nations greater and mightier than you, 2 and when YHWH your God delivers them over to you, you shall conquer them and utterly destroy them. You shall make no covenant with them nor show mercy to them. 3 Nor shall you make marriages with them. You shall not give your daughter to their son, nor take their daughter for your son [cf. De 13]. 4 [Reason:]

“For they will turn your sons away from following Me, to serve other gods; so the anger of YHWH will be aroused against you and destroy you suddenly.” 5

But thus you shall deal with them: you shall

destroy their altars, and break down their sacred pillars, and cut down their wooden images, and burn their carved images with fire. 6

[Reason:] For you are a holy people to YHWH your God;

YHWH your God has chosen you to be [cf. 14:2] [Mt 13:44] a people for Himself, [Ex 19:5-6] a special treasure [Ps 135:4] above all the peoples on the face of the land [earth]. 7

YHWH did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any other people, for you were the least of all peoples; 8 but [reasons:]

because YHWH loves you, and because He would keep the oath that He swore to your fathers, YHWH has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of bondage, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. 9

Therefore know that

YHWH your God, He is God, the faithful God

who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand [1,000] generations

with those who

love Him and

keep His commandments; 10 and

He repays those who hate Him

to their face, to destroy them.

He will not be slack with him

who hates Him;

He will repay him

to his face. 11

Therefore you shall keep

the commandment,

the statutes, and

the judgments

that I command you today,

to observe them.

12 ¶ Then it shall come to pass, because you listen to these judgments, and keep and do them, that YHWH your God will keep with you the covenant and the mercy

that He swore to your fathers. 13 And He will

love you and bless you and multiply you;

He will also bless

the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your land,

your grain and your new wine and your [olive] oil,

the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flock,

in the land of which He swore to your fathers to give you. 14 You shall be blessed above all peoples; there shall not be a male or female barren

among you or among your livestock. 15 And

YHWH will take away from you all sickness, and

will afflict you with none of the terrible diseases of Egypt

that you have known, but will lay them on all those

who hate you. 16

And you shall destroy all the peoples whom YHWH your God delivers over to you; your eye shall have no pity on them; nor shall you serve their gods, for that will be a snare to you. 17

If you should say in your heart,

‘These nations are greater than I;

how can I dispossess them?’ — 18

you shall not be afraid of them, but you shall remember well

what **YHWH your God** did to Pharaoh and to all **Egypt**: 19 the great trials **that** your eyes saw, the signs and the wonders, the mighty hand and the outstretched arm, by which **YHWH your God** brought you out. So shall **YHWH your God** do to all the peoples of whom you are afraid. 20 Moreover **YHWH your God** will send the hornet among them **until** those who are left, who hide themselves from you, are destroyed. 21 You shall not be terrified of them; for **YHWH your God**, the great and awesome God, is among you. 22 And **YHWH your God** will drive out those nations before you little by little; you will be unable to destroy them at once, lest the beasts of the field become too numerous for you. 23 But **YHWH your God** will deliver them over to you, and will inflict defeat upon them **until** they are destroyed. 24 And **He** will deliver their kings into your hand, and you will destroy their name from under heaven; no one shall be able to stand against you **until** you have destroyed them. 25 You shall burn the carved images of their gods with fire; you shall not covet the silver or gold that is on them, nor take it for yourselves, lest you be snared by it; for it is an abomination to **YHWH your God**. 26 Nor shall you bring an abomination into your house, lest you be doomed to destruction like it. You shall utterly detest it and utterly abhor it, [reason:] for it is an accursed thing.

Deuteronomy 8

Keep the Commandments

8:1 ¶ Every commandment **that I** command you **today** you must be careful to observe, [reason:] that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land of which **YHWH** swore to your fathers. 2 And you shall remember that **YHWH your God** led you all the way **these forty [40] years** in the wilderness, to humble you and test you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not. 3 So **He** humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna, which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that **He** might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of **YHWH**.

Matthew 4:2-4 || Luke 4:2-3

And when **He** had fasted forty [40] days and forty [40] nights, afterward **He** was hungry. 3 Now when the tempter came to **Him**, he said, “If **You** are the Son of **God**, command that these stones become bread.” 4 But **He** answered and said, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but _____ by every word that proceeds from the mouth of **God**.’”

4

Your garments did not wear out on you, nor did your foot swell, **these forty [40] years**. 5 You should know in your heart that, as a man chastens his son, so **YHWH your God** chastens you. 6 Therefore you shall keep the commandments of **YHWH your God**, to walk in His ways and to fear Him. 7 For **YHWH your God** is bringing you into a good land: a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, that flow out of valleys and hills; 8 a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey; 9 a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing; [better: ↓ contain] a land whose stones are iron and out of whose hills you can dig copper. 10 ¶ When you have eaten and are full, then you shall bless **YHWH your God** for the good land **that He** has given you. 11 Beware that you do not forget **YHWH your God** by not keeping His commandments, His judgments, and His statutes **that I** command you **today**, 12 lest — **when** you have eaten and are full, and have built beautiful houses and dwell in them; 13 and

when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold are multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied; 14 **when** your heart is lifted up — and you forget **YHWH your God** who brought you out of the land of **Egypt**, from the house of bondage; 15 who led you through that great and terrible wilderness [of]¹ fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty land where there was no water; who brought water for you out of the flinty rock; 16 who fed you in the wilderness with manna, which your fathers did not know, [reasons:] that **He** might humble you and that **He** might test you, to do you good in the end — 17 **then** you say in your heart, ‘My power and the might of my hand have gained me this wealth.’ 18 And you shall remember **YHWH your God**, for it is **He** who gives you power to get wealth, that **He** may establish His covenant **that He** swore to your fathers, as it is this day. 19 **Then** it shall be, if you by any means forget **YHWH your God**, and follow other gods, and serve them, and worship them,

¹ NKJ: “, in which were”
Highlighting Legend & Latest Notes

I testify against you **this day** that you shall surely perish. 20 As the nations **that** YHWH destroys before you, so you shall perish, [reason:] because you would not be obedient to the voice of YHWH your God.

Deuteronomy 9

Not Because of Your Righteousness

9:1 ¶ Hear, O Israel:

You are to cross over the **Jordan** today, and go in to **dispossess** nations greater and mightier than yourself, cities great and fortified up to heaven, 2 a people great and tall, the descendants of the Anakim, whom you know, and of whom you heard it said,

‘Who can stand before the descendants of Anak?’ 3

Therefore understand **today** that YHWH your God is He who goes over before you as a **consuming fire**.

He will destroy them and bring them down before you; so you shall drive them out and destroy them **quickly**, as YHWH has said to you. 4 Do not think in your heart, after YHWH your God has cast them out before you, saying,

‘Because of my righteousness YHWH has brought me in to possess **this land**’;

but it is [T: true; F: false] [T] because of the wickedness of these nations that YHWH is driving them out from before you. 5

It is not [F] because of your righteousness or the uprightness of your heart that you go in to possess their land,

but [T] because of the wickedness of these nations that YHWH your God drives them out from before you, and

[T] that He may fulfill the word that YHWH swore to

your fathers, to Abraham [Ge 12:2, 22:17], Isaac [Ge 26:4], and Jacob [Ge 28:14]. 6

Therefore understand that YHWH your God is not giving you this good land to possess

[F] because of your righteousness, for you are a stiff-necked people.

Moses Recounts Their Sins

[9:7-9 Copied to Follow Ex 24]

7 ¶ Remember! Do not forget how you provoked YHWH your God to **wrath** in the wilderness. From the day that you departed from the land of **Egypt** until you came to this place, you have been rebellious against YHWH. 8 Also in **Horeb** [Mt. Sinai] you provoked YHWH to **wrath**, so that YHWH was **angry** enough with you to have destroyed you. 9 When I went up into the mountain to receive

the tablets of stone, the tablets of **the covenant**

that YHWH made with you,

then I stayed on the mountain **forty [40] days and forty [40] nights**. I neither ate bread nor drank water. 10

Then YHWH delivered to me two tablets of stone [Ex 31:18] written with the finger of God,

and on them were all the words that YHWH had spoken to you on the mountain from the midst of the **fire** in the day of the assembly. 11

And it came to pass, at the end of **forty [40] days and forty [40] nights**, that YHWH gave me the two tablets of stone, the tablets of **the covenant**. 12

[9:12-29 Copied to Parallel Ex 31:7-31] Then YHWH said to me,

‘Arise, go down **quickly** from here, for your people whom you brought out of **Egypt** have acted corruptly; they have **quickly** turned aside from the way that I commanded them; they have made themselves a molded image.’ 13

Furthermore YHWH spoke to me, saying, ‘I have seen **this people**, and indeed they are a stiff-necked people. 14 Let **Me** alone, that I may destroy them and blot out their name from under heaven; and I will make of you a nation mightier and greater than they.’ 15

So I turned and came down from the mountain, and the mountain **burned** with fire; and

the two tablets of **the covenant** were in my two hands. 16

And I looked, and behold, you had sinned against YHWH your God — had made for yourselves a molded calf! You had turned aside **quickly** from the way that YHWH had commanded you. 17 Then I

took the two tablets and threw them out of my two hands and broke them before your eyes. 18

And I fell down before YHWH, as at the first,

forty [40] days and forty [40] nights; I neither ate bread nor drank water, because of all your sin that you committed in doing wickedly in the sight of YHWH, to provoke Him to anger. 19 For I was afraid of the anger and hot displeasure with which YHWH was angry with you, to destroy you.

Hebrews 12:21

And so terrifying was the sight that [even] Moses said, “I am exceedingly afraid and trembling.”

But YHWH listened to me at that time also. 20 And YHWH was **very angry** with Aaron and would have destroyed him; so I prayed for Aaron also at the same time. 21

Then I took your sin, the calf that you had made, and [I] burned it with fire and crushed it and ground it very small, until it was as fine as dust;

and I threw its dust into the brook that descended from the mountain. 22

Also at Taberah [“burning”; Nu 11:3] and Massah [“temptation”; aka, ‘Meribah’: Ex 17:7, Nu 20:13; Camp 4: Nu 33:8] and Kibroth Hattaavah [“graves of lust”: Nu 11:34; Camp 12: Nu 33:16; 3 campsites away from Sinai, still near the gulf of Aqaba]

you provoked YHWH to **wrath**. 23 Likewise, when YHWH sent you from **Kadesh Barnea**, saying, ‘Go up and possess the land that I have given you’,

then you rebelled against the commandment of Y^{HWH} your God, and you did not believe Him nor obey His voice. 24 You have been rebellious against Y^{HWH} from the day that I knew you. 25 Thus I prostrated myself before Y^{HWH}; forty [40] days and forty [40] nights I kept prostrating myself, because Y^{HWH} had said He would destroy you. 26 Therefore I prayed to Y^{HWH}, and said:

‘O Lord Y^{HWH} [Adonai Y^{HWH}], do not destroy
Your people and
Your inheritance
whom You have redeemed through
Your greatness, whom You have brought out of Egypt with a mighty hand. 27 Remember Your servants,
Abraham,
Isaac, and
Jacob;
do not look
on the stubbornness of this people, or
on their wickedness
or their sin, 28
lest the land from which You brought us [that is, the Egyptians] should say,
“Because Y^{HWH} was not able
to bring them to the land
that He promised them, and
because He hated them,
He has brought them out to kill
them in the wilderness.” 29
Yet they are
Your people and
Your inheritance,
whom You brought out
by Your mighty power and
by Your outstretched arm.’

March 15

[Audio: Steve Gregg De 10-12]

Deuteronomy 10

[10:1-5 Copied to Follow Ex 34:4]

10:1 ¶ At that time Y^{HWH} said to me, ‘Hew for yourself two tablets of stone like the first, and come up to Me on the mountain and make yourself an ark of wood. [The first Ark of the Covenant.] 2 And I will write on the tablets the words that were on the first tablets, which you broke; and you shall put them in the ark.’ 3

So I made an ark of acacia wood, hewed two tablets of stone like the first, and went up the mountain, having the two tablets in my hand. 4 And

He wrote on the tablets according to the first writing,
the Ten Commandments,
which Y^{HWH} had spoken to you
in the mountain

from the midst of the fire
in the day of the assembly;
and Y^{HWH} gave them to me. 5
Then I turned and came down from the mountain, and put the tablets in the ark that I had made;

and there they are,
just as Y^{HWH} commanded me.” 6

[10:6 Copied to Follow Nu 33:37]

(Now the children of Israel journeyed from the wells of Bene Jaakan [“sons of twisting”; Camp 27: Nu 33:31, skipping Camps 28-32] to Moserah [“bonds”; aka Mt. Hor (not Moseroth, Camp 26: Nu 33:30, per the next statement)],

where Aaron died [Camp 33, Mt. Hor: Nu 33:38], and where he was buried; and Eleazar his son ministered as priest in his stead. [Nu 20:22-29] 7

[10:7 Copied to Follow Nu 33:39]

From there they journeyed to Gudgodah [“the slashing place”; not mentioned in Nu 33], and from Gudgodah to Jotbathah [“pleasantness”; either another Jotbathah or an unmentioned revisit to Camp 29: Nu 33:33], a land of rivers of water. 8

[10:8-9 Copied to Follow Nu 1:53]

At that time Y^{HWH} separated the tribe of Levi to bear the ark of the covenant of Y^{HWH},

to stand before Y^{HWH}
to minister to Him and
to bless in His name,
to this day. 9 Therefore Levi has
no portion
nor inheritance
with his brethren;
Y^{HWH} is his inheritance, just as
Y^{HWH} your God promised him.) 10

[10:10-11 Copied to Follow Ex 34:28]

As at the first time,
I stayed in the mountain
forty [40] days and forty [40] nights;
Y^{HWH} also heard me at that time, and
Y^{HWH} chose not to destroy you. 11
Then Y^{HWH} said to me,
‘Arise, begin your journey before the people, that they may go in and possess the land that I swore to their fathers to give them.’

Moses Exhorts Israel to Love Y^{HWH}
12 ¶ And now, Israel, what does Y^{HWH} your God require of you, but
to fear Y^{HWH} your God,
to walk in all His ways, and
to love Him,
to serve Y^{HWH} your God
with all your heart and
with all your soul, 13 and
to keep
the commandments
of Y^{HWH} and
His statutes
that I command you today
for your good? 14

Indeed, heaven [air & expanse?] —
and the highest heavens
[the spiritual heavens?] —
belong to Y^{HWH} your God, also [all] the land [earth] with all that is in it. 15
Y^{HWH} delighted only in your fathers, to love them; and He chose their descendants after them, you above all peoples, as it is this day. 16

Therefore [sounds like a NT statement:]
circumcise the foreskin of your heart,
and be stiff-necked no longer. 17

For Y^{HWH} your God is
God of gods and
Lord of lords,
the great God,
mighty and awesome,
who shows no partiality
nor takes a bribe. 18
He administers justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the stranger, giving him food and clothing. 19 Therefore love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. 20

You shall fear Y^{HWH} your God;
you shall serve Him, and to Him
you shall hold fast, and
take oaths in His name. 21

He is your praise, and
He is your God,
who has done for you
these great and awesome things
that your eyes have seen. 22

Your fathers went down to Egypt with
seventy [70] persons [Ge 46:27; Ex 1:5],
and now [215 years + 40 years later]
Y^{HWH} your God has made you
as the stars of heaven in multitude.
[Ge 15:5, 22:17, 26:4; Nu 26:51:
601,730 men + Levites + women +
children; see [Population Analysis](#)]

Deuteronomy 11

11:1 ¶ Therefore you shall love Y^{HWH}
your God, and keep

His charge,
His statutes,
His judgments, and
His commandments

always. 2 Know today that I do not
speak with your children [cf. v7 ^],
who have not known and
who have not seen

the chastening
of Y^{HWH} your God,

His greatness and
His mighty hand and
His outstretched arm — 3

His signs and
His acts

that He did in the midst of Egypt,
to Pharaoh king of Egypt, and
to all his land; 4 what He did
to the army of Egypt,
to their horses and their chariots:
how He made the waters of

the Red Sea overflow them
as they pursued you, and
how Y^{HWH} has destroyed them
to this day; 5

what He did for you
in the wilderness until you
came to this place; 6 and
what He did to Dathan and Abiram
the sons of Eliab,

the son of Reuben:
how the ground [earth] opened its
mouth and swallowed them up,
their households,
their tents, and
all the substance that was in
their possession,

in the midst of all Israel — 7
but your eyes have seen every great
act of Y^{HWH} that He did. 8

Therefore you shall keep every com-
mandment that I command you today,
[reason:] that you may be strong, and
go in and possess the land that

you cross over to possess, 9 and
[reason:] that you may prolong your
days in the land that Y^{HWH} swore
to give your fathers,
to them and their descendants,

‘a land flowing with milk and honey’.¹⁰

For the land that you go to possess is
not like the land of Egypt
from which you have come,
where you sowed your seed and
watered it by foot [pumps],
as a vegetable garden; 11

but the land that you cross over
to possess is
a land of hills and valleys,
which drinks water
from the rain of heaven, 12
a land for which

Y^{HWH} your God cares —
the eyes of Y^{HWH} your God
are always on it,
from the beginning of the year
to the very end of the year. 13

And [Y^{HWH} says,]
‘It shall be that if you earnestly
obey My commandments
that I command you today, to
love Y^{HWH} your God and
serve Him

with all your heart and
with all your soul, 14

then I will give you
the rain for your land in its season,
the early rain and the latter rain,
[reason:] that you may gather in
your grain,
your new wine, and
your [olive] oil. 15

And I will send grass in your fields
for your livestock,
that you may eat and be filled.’ 16

Take heed to yourselves, lest
your heart be deceived, and you
turn aside and
serve other gods and
worship them, 17 lest

Y^{HWH}'s anger be aroused
against you, and

He shut up the heavens so that
there be no rain, and
the land yield no produce, and
you perish quickly
from the good land

that Y^{HWH} is giving you.

18 ¶ Therefore you shall
lay up these words of mine
in your heart and
in your soul, and

bind them
as a sign on your hand [to do],
and they shall be
as frontlets between your eyes
[to know]. 19

You shall teach them to your children,
speaking of them
when you sit in your house,
when you walk by the way,
when you lie down, and
when you rise up. 20

And you shall write them on the door-
posts of your house [to remind yourself]
and on your gates [to tell others], 21
[reason:] that your days and the days
of your children may be multiplied in
the land of which Y^{HWH} swore to your
fathers to give them, as many as [like]
the days of the heavens above the land
[earth]. 22 For if you carefully keep all
these commandments that I command
you to do —

to love Y^{HWH} your God,
to walk in all His ways, and
to hold fast to Him — 23

then Y^{HWH} will drive out all these
nations from before you, and you will
dispossess greater and mightier nations
than yourselves. 24 Every place on
which the sole of your foot treads shall
be yours [cf. Ge 13:17]:

from the wilderness [in the south]
to [and] Lebanon [in the north],
from the river, [i.e.,]
the River Euphrates, [in the east]
even to the Western Sea
[Mediterranean Sea, in the west],

shall be your territory. 25 No man
shall be able to stand against you;
Y^{HWH} your God will put
the dread of you and
the fear of you

upon all the land [people]
where you tread,
just as He has said to you.

Blessing and Curse

26 ¶ Behold, I set before you today
a blessing and a curse: 27
the blessing,
if you obey the commandments
of YHWH your God
that I command you today; 28 and
the curse,
if you do not obey the command-
ments of YHWH your God,
but turn aside from the way
that I command you today,
to go after other gods
that you have not known. 29

Now it shall be,
when YHWH your God has brought you
into the land that you go to possess, that
you shall put [cf. 27:11-28:68]
the blessing on Mount Gerizim
and the curse on Mount Ebal. 30
[Jos 8:33 Pronounced from them]
(Are they not on the other side of the
Jordan, toward the setting sun, in the
land of the Canaanites who dwell
in the plain opposite Gilgal, beside
the terebinth trees of Moreh?) 31

For you will
cross over the Jordan and
go in to possess the land
that YHWH your God is giving you,
and you will
possess it and
dwell in it. 32
And you shall
be careful to observe all the
statutes and
judgments
that I set before you today.

Deuteronomy 12 Destroy and Dispossess

12:1 ¶ These are the
statutes and
judgments
that you shall be careful to observe in
the land that YHWH, God of your fathers,
is giving you to possess, all the days
that you live on the land [earth]. 2
You shall
utterly destroy all the places
where the nations that you shall
dispossess served their gods,
on the high mountains and
on the hills and
under every green tree. 3 And
you shall
destroy their altars,
break their sacred pillars, and
burn their wooden images with fire;
you shall
cut down the carved images
of their gods and
destroy their names
from that place. 4
You shall
not worship YHWH your God
with such things. 5 ¶

Worship in the Chosen Place

But you shall seek [NT: the Body of Ch.]
the place where [1st of 20]
YHWH your God chooses,
out of all your tribes,
to put His name
for His dwelling place; and
there you shall go. 6
There you shall take
your burnt offerings,
your sacrifices,
your tithes,
the heave offerings of your hand,

your vowed offerings,
your freewill offerings, and
the firstborn of your
herds and flocks. 7 And
there you shall eat
before YHWH your God,
and you shall rejoice [v18b] in all
to which you have put your hand,
you and your households,
in which YHWH your God
has blessed you. 8
You shall not at all
do as we are doing here today —
every man doing whatever
is right in his own eyes — 9
[Jud 17:6, 21:25; Pr 12:15, 21:2]
for as yet you have not come to
the rest and
the inheritance
that YHWH your God is giving you. 10
But when you cross over the Jordan
and dwell in the land that YHWH your
God is giving you to inherit, and He
gives you rest from all your enemies
round about,
so that you dwell in safety, 11
then there will be
the place where YHWH your God
chooses to make His name abide.
There [NT: the Body of Christ]
you shall bring all that I command you:
your burnt offerings,
your sacrifices,
your tithes,
the heave offerings of your hand, and
all your choice offerings
that you vow to YHWH. 12 And
you shall rejoice
before YHWH your God,
you and
your sons and your daughters,
your male and female servants, and

the Levite who is within your gates,
since he has no portion nor
inheritance with you. 13
Take heed to yourself [be sure] that
you do not offer your burnt offerings
in every place that you see; 14 but [only]
in the place that YHWH chooses,
in [the land of] one of your tribes,
there you shall offer
your burnt offerings, and
there you shall do
all that I command you. 15
However, you may slaughter and eat
meat within all your gates, whatever
your heart desires, according to the
blessing of YHWH your God that He has
given you; the unclean and the clean
may eat of it, of the gazelle and the deer
alike. 16 Only you shall not eat the
blood; you shall pour it on the ground
[earth] like water [cf. 15:23]. 17 You
may not eat within your gates the tithe
of your grain or
your new wine or
your [olive] oil,
of the firstborn of your herd
or your flock,
of any of your offerings that you vow,
of your freewill offerings, or
of the heave offering of your hand. 18
But you must eat them
before YHWH your God
in the place that
YHWH your God chooses,
you and
your son and your daughter,
your male servant and
your female servant, and
the Levite who is within your gates;
and you shall rejoice [v7]
before YHWH your God
in all to which you put your hands. 19

Take heed to yourself [be sure] that you do not forsake the Levite as long as you live in your land. 20 When YHWH your God enlarges your border as He has promised you, and you say, 'Let me eat meat', because you long to eat meat, you may eat as much meat as your heart desires. 21 If the place where YHWH your God chooses to put His name is too far from you, then you may slaughter from your herd and from your flock that YHWH has given you, just as I have commanded you, and you may eat within your gates as much as your heart desires. 22 Just as the gazelle and the deer are eaten, so you may eat them; the unclean and the clean alike may eat them. 23 Only be sure that you do not eat the blood, for the blood is the life [cf. Le 17:11]; you may not eat the life with the meat. 24 You shall not eat it; you shall pour it on the ground [earth] like water. 25 [cf. 15:23] You shall not eat it, [reason:] that it may go well with you and your children after you, when you do what is right in the sight of YHWH. 26 Only the holy things that you have, and your vowed offerings, you shall take and go to the place that YHWH chooses. 27

And you shall offer your burnt offerings, the meat and the blood, on the altar of YHWH your God; and the blood of your sacrifices shall be poured out on the altar of YHWH your God, and you shall eat the meat. 28

Observe and obey all these words that I command you, [reason:] that it may go well with you and your children after you forever, when you do what is good and right in the sight of YHWH your God. 29 When YHWH your God cuts off from before you the nations that you go to dispossess, and you displace them and dwell in their land, 30 take heed to yourself [be sure] that you are not ensnared to follow them, after they are destroyed from before you, and that you do not inquire after their gods, saying, 'How did these nations serve their gods? I also will do likewise.' 31 You shall not worship YHWH your God in that way; for every abomination to YHWH that He hates they have done to their gods; for they burn even their sons and daughters in the fire to their gods. 32 Whatever I command you, be careful to observe it; you shall not add to it nor take away from it. [cf. 4:2; Pr 30:6, Re 22:18]

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[Audio: Steve Gregg De 13-15]

Deuteronomy 13

Death for Enticement to Other Gods
13:1 ¶ If there arises among you a prophet or a dreamer of dreams, [cf. 18:20] and he gives you a sign or a wonder, 2 and the sign or the wonder comes to pass, of which he spoke to you, saying, 'Let us go after other gods' — which you have not known — 'and let us serve them', 3 you shall not listen to the words of that [false] prophet or that dreamer of dreams, for YHWH your God is testing you to know whether you love YHWH your God with all your heart and with all your soul. 4 You shall walk after YHWH your God and fear Him, and keep His commandments and obey His voice, and you shall serve Him and hold fast to Him. 5 But that [false] prophet or that dreamer of dreams shall be put to death, because he has spoken in order to turn you away from YHWH your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of bondage, to entice you from the way in which

YHWH your God commanded you to walk. So you shall put away the evil from your midst. [Cf. 17:7, 1Co 5:13] 6 ¶ If your brother, the son of your mother, your son or your daughter, the wife of your bosom, or your friend who is as your own soul, secretly entices you, saying, 'Let us go and serve other gods', which you have not known, neither you nor your fathers, 7 of the gods of the people that are all around you, near to you or far off from you, from one end of the land [earth] to the other end of the land [earth], 8 you shall not consent to him or listen to him, nor shall your eye pity him, nor shall you spare him or conceal him; 9 but you shall surely kill him; your hand shall be first against him to put him to death, and afterward the hand of all the people. 10 And you shall stone him with stones until he dies, because he sought to entice you away from YHWH your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. 11 So all Israel shall hear and fear, and not again do such wickedness as this among you.

12 ¶

If you hear someone in one of your cities that YHWH your God gives you to dwell in, saying, 13
‘Corrupt men have gone out from among you and enticed the inhabitants of their city, saying,
“Let us go and serve other gods”’
— which you have not known — 14
then you shall inquire,
search out, and ask diligently.
And if it is indeed true and certain that such an abomination was committed among you, 15 you shall surely strike the inhabitants of that city with the edge of the sword — utterly destroying it, all that is in it and its livestock, with the edge of the sword. 16 And you shall gather all its plunder into the middle of the street, and completely burn with fire the city and all its plunder, for YHWH your God.
It shall be a heap forever; it shall not be built again. 17
So none of the accursed things shall remain in your hand, that YHWH may turn from the fierceness of His anger and show you mercy, have compassion on you and multiply you, just as He swore to your fathers, 18 [reason:] because you have listened to the voice of YHWH your God, to keep all His commandments that I command you today, to do what is right in the eyes of YHWH your God.

Deuteronomy 14 [Cf. Le 11]
Review of Dietary Restrictions
14:1 ¶ You are the children of YHWH your God [the King’s kids]; you shall not cut yourselves nor shave the front of your head for the dead. 2 For you are a holy people to YHWH your God, and YHWH has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples who are on the face of [all] the lands [earth]. 3 [cf. 7:6; Ex 19:5-6]
You shall not eat any detestable thing. 4
Animals:
These are the animals that you may eat: the ox, [10 clean animals] the sheep, the goat, 5 the deer, the gazelle, the roe deer, the wild goat, the mountain goat, the antelope, and the mountain sheep. 6
And you may eat every animal with cloven hooves, having the hoof split into two parts, and that chews the cud, among the animals. 7 Nevertheless, of those that chew the cud or have cloven hooves, you shall not eat, such as these: the camel, the hare, and the rock hyrax; for they chew the cud but do not have cloven hooves; they are unclean for you. 8

Also the swine is unclean for you, because it has cloven hooves, yet does not chew the cud; you shall not eat their flesh or touch their dead carcasses. 9

Sea Creatures:
These you may eat of all that are in the waters: you may eat all that have fins and scales. 10 And whatever does not have [both] fins and scales you shall not eat; it is unclean for you. 11

Birds:
All clean birds you may eat. 12 But these you shall not eat: the eagle, the vulture, the buzzard, 13 the red kite, the falcon, and the kite after their kinds; 14 every raven after its kind; 15 the ostrich, the short-eared owl, the seagull, and the hawk after their kinds; 16 the little owl, the screech owl, the white owl, 17 the jackdaw, the carrion vulture, the fisher owl, 18 the stork, the heron after its kind, and the hoopoe and the bat. 19

Also every creeping thing that flies is unclean for you; they shall not be eaten. 20 You may eat all clean birds. 21

Dead Things:
You shall not eat anything that dies of itself; you may give it to the alien who is within your gates, that he may eat it, or you may sell it to a foreigner; for you are a holy people to YHWH your God.

You shall not boil a young goat in its mother’s milk.

Review of Tithing Rules
22 ¶ You shall truly tithe all the increase of your grain that the field produces year by year. 23 And you shall eat before YHWH your God, in the place where He chooses to make His name abide, the tithe of your grain and your new wine and your [olive] oil, of the firstborn of your herds and your flocks, [reason:] that you may learn to fear YHWH your God always. 24 But if the journey is too long for you, so that you are not able to carry the tithe,² if the place where YHWH your God chooses to put His name is too far from you, when YHWH your God has blessed you, 25 then you shall exchange it for money, take the money in your hand, and go to the place that YHWH your God chooses; 26 and you shall spend that money for whatever your heart desires:

² NKJ: adds “or”, incorrectly, I think, as the two “if”s seem to be parallel. [Highlighting Legend & Latest Notes](#)

for oxen or sheep,
for wine or similar drink,
for whatever your heart desires;
you shall eat there
before YHWH your God, and
you shall rejoice,
you and your household. 27
You shall not forsake [by not tithing to]
the Levite who is within your gates,
for he has no part nor inheritance
with you. 28

At the end of every third [3rd] year
you shall
bring out the tithe of
your produce of that year and
store it up within your gates. 29

And
the Levite,
because he has no portion nor
inheritance with you, and
the stranger and
the fatherless and
the widow
who are within your gates,
may come and eat and be satisfied,
[reason:]
that YHWH your God may bless you in
all the work of your hand that you do.

Deuteronomy 15

Debt Release

15:1 At the end of every seven [7] years
you shall grant a release of debts. 2
And this is the form of the release:
Every creditor who has lent anything
to his neighbor shall release it; he
shall not require it of his neighbor or
his brother, because it is called YHWH's
release. 3 Of a foreigner you may
require it; but you shall give up your

claim to what is owed by your brother,
4 except when there may be no poor
among you; for YHWH will greatly
bless you in the land that YHWH your
God is giving you to possess as an in-
heritance — 5 only if you carefully
obey the voice of YHWH your God, to
observe with care all these command-
ments that I command you today. 6
For YHWH your God will bless you just
as He promised you:

you shall lend to many nations,
but you shall not borrow;
you shall reign over many nations,
but they shall not reign over you. 7

Free Lending

If there is among you a poor man of
your brethren, within any of the gates
in your land that YHWH your God is
giving you, you shall
not harden your heart
nor shut your hand
from your poor brother, 8 but you shall
open your hand wide to him and
willingly lend him
sufficient for his need,
whatever he needs. 9
Beware lest there be a wicked thought
in your heart, saying,

'The seventh [7th] year,
the year of release,
is at hand', [greed]
and your eye be evil against your poor
brother and you give him nothing, and
he cry out to YHWH against you, and it
become sin among you. 10
You shall surely give to him, and
your heart should not be grieved when
you give to him, because for this thing

YHWH your God will bless you
in all your works and
in all to which you put your hand. 11
For the poor will never cease from the
land [cf. Jesus: Mt 26:11 || Mk 14:7];
therefore I command you, saying,
'You shall open your hand wide to
your brother, to
your poor and
your needy,
in your land.'

Release of Slave-Brothers

12 ¶ If
your brother,
a Hebrew man, or
a Hebrew woman
[first use of 'Hebrew' since Ex 21:2],
is sold to you and serves you
six years, then
in the seventh [7th] year
you shall let him go free from you. 13
And when you send him away free
from you,
you shall not let him go away
empty-handed; 14
you shall supply him liberally
from your flock,
from your threshing floor, and
from your winepress;
from what YHWH your God
has blessed you with,
you shall give to him. 15
You shall remember that you were a
slave in the land of Egypt, and YHWH
your God redeemed you; therefore
I command you this thing today. 16
And if it happens that he says to you,
'I will not go away from you',

because he loves you and your house,
since he prospers with you, 17
then you shall
take an awl and
thrust it through his ear to the door,
and he shall be your servant forever.
Also to your female servant you shall
do likewise. 18 It shall not seem hard
to you when you send him away free
from you; for he has been worth a
double hired servant in serving you
six [6] years. Then YHWH your God
will bless you in all that you do.

Sanctify Firstborn Males

19 ¶ All the firstborn males that come
from your herd and your flock
you shall sanctify to YHWH your God:
you shall do
no work with the firstborn of your herd,
nor shear the firstborn of your flock. 20
You and your household shall eat it
before YHWH your God
year by year
in the place that YHWH chooses. 21
But if there is a defect in it,
if it is lame or blind
or has any serious defect,
you shall not sacrifice
it to YHWH your God. 22
You may eat it within your gates; the
unclean and the clean person alike may
eat it, as if it were a gazelle or a deer.
23 Only you shall not eat its blood; you
shall pour it on the ground like water.
[This time NKJ translates 'erets' as
'ground' rather than 'land', quite
appropriately; cf. 12:16,24.]

Deuteronomy 16

Observe Passover and the Feasts

16:1 ¶ Observe the month of Abib, and keep the Passover to YHWH your God, for in the month of Abib YHWH your God brought you out of Egypt by night [Ex 12:37, Nu 33:3]. 2 Therefore you shall sacrifice the Passover to YHWH your God, from the flock and the herd, in the place where YHWH chooses to put His name. 3

You shall eat no leavened bread with it; seven [7] days you shall eat unleavened bread with it, that is, the bread of affliction [first use] (for you came out of the land of Egypt in haste [Ex 12:33]),

[reason:] that you may remember the day in which you came out of the land of Egypt all the days of your life. 4 And no leaven shall be seen among you in all your territory for [an additional] seven [7] days, nor shall any of the meat that you sacrifice the first day at twilight remain overnight until morning. 5

You may not sacrifice the Passover within any of your gates that YHWH your God gives you; 6 but at

the place where YHWH your God chooses to make His name abide, there you shall sacrifice the Passover at twilight, at the going down of the sun, at the time you came out of Egypt. 7

[their Passover meal at twilight effectively began their journey, but they didn't depart until the 15th: Ex 12:29, Nu 33:3.]

And you shall roast and eat it in the place that YHWH your God chooses, and in the morning you shall turn and go to your tents. 8

[← Audio: Steve Gregg De 16-18]

Feast of Unleavened Bread

Six [6] days [after Pass.] you shall eat unleavened bread, [plus one:] and on the seventh [7th] day there shall be a sacred assembly to YHWH your God. You shall do no work on it. 9

Firstfruits Wave Offering

[not repeated here: why, Moses?]

Feast of Weeks

You shall count seven [7] weeks for yourself; begin to count the seven [7] weeks from the time you begin to put the sickle to the grain. 10 Then you shall keep the Feast of Weeks to YHWH your God with the tribute of a freewill offering from your hand, which you shall give as YHWH your God blesses you. 11

You shall rejoice before YHWH your God, you and your son and your daughter, your male servant and your female servant, the Levite who is within your gates, the stranger and the fatherless and the widow

who are among you, at the place where YHWH your God chooses to make His name abide.

12 And you shall remember that you were a slave in Egypt, and you shall be careful to observe these statutes. 13

Feast of Tabernacles

You shall observe the Feast of Tabernacles seven [7] days,

when you have gathered from your threshing floor and from your winepress. 14 And

you shall rejoice in your feast, you and your son and your daughter, your male servant and your female servant and the Levite, the stranger and the fatherless and the widow, who are within your gates. 15

Seven [7] days you shall keep a sacred feast to YHWH your God in the place that YHWH chooses, because YHWH your God will bless you in all your produce and in all the work of your hands, so that you surely rejoice. 16

Thrice Annually Before YHWH

Three [3] times a year all your males shall appear [cf. Le 23 →] before YHWH your God in the place that He chooses: at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, at the Feast of Weeks, and at the Feast of Tabernacles; and they shall not appear before YHWH empty-handed. 17

Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of YHWH your God that He has given you.

Appoint Judges and Officers

18 ¶ You shall appoint judges and officers in all your gates, which YHWH your God gives you, according to your tribes, and they shall judge the people with just judgment. 19 You shall not pervert justice; you shall not show partiality, nor take a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and twists the words of the righteous. 20

You shall follow what is altogether just, [reason:] that you may live and inherit the land that YHWH your God is giving you. [cf. Mt 5:5] 21

You shall not plant for yourself any tree, as a wooden image, near the altar that you build for yourself to YHWH your God. 22

You shall not set up a sacred pillar, which YHWH your God hates.

Summary by Date of Each Year

(Jewish year starts in March, so months are counted from there)

[cf. Nu 28:16ff] Lev 23

01/14	YHWH's Passover	23:5
01/15	Feast of Unleavened Bread (for 7 days) (next two on Sundays)	23:6
Day after First Sabbath after Passover		
	Firstfruits Offerings	23:10
50th day after that First Sabbath		
	New-Grain Offering	23:16
07/01	Trumpets Sabbath	23:24
07/10	The Day of Atonement	23:27
07/15	Feast of Tabernacles (ingathering; for 7 days)	23:34
07/22	Sacred Assembly	23:36

2Ch 8:13 Solomon follows the Law:

according to the daily rate, offering according to the commandment of

Moses, [cf. Le 23:44]

for the Sabbaths,

the New Moons, and

the three [3] appointed

yearly feasts:

the Feast of Unleavened Bread,

the Feast of Weeks [Harvest],

the Feast of Tabernacles

[Ex 23:16b: Ingathering]. 14

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Deuteronomy 17

Death for Idolatry

17:1 ¶ You shall not sacrifice to **YHWH your God** a bull or sheep **that** has any blemish or defect, for that is an abomination to **YHWH your God**. 2 If there is found among you, within any of your gates **that** **YHWH your God** gives you, a man or a woman who has been wicked in the sight of **YHWH your God**, in transgressing **His covenant**, 3 who has gone and served other gods and worshiped them, either the sun or moon or any of the host of heaven, which I have not commanded, 4 and it is told you, and you hear of it, **then you shall inquire diligently**. And if *it is* indeed true and certain that such an abomination has been committed in Israel, 5 **then** you shall bring out to your gates that man or woman who has committed that wicked thing, and shall stone to death that man or woman with stones. 6 Whoever is deserving of death shall be put to death on the testimony of two or three witnesses [[19:15](#); [He 10:28b](#)]; he shall not be put to death on the testimony of *[only]* one witness. 7 The hands of the witnesses shall be the first against him to put him to death, and afterward the hands of all the people. So *[in this way]* you shall put away the evil from among you.

[1 Corinthians 5:12-13](#)

For what *have I to do* with judging those also who are outside *[the Church]*? Do you not judge those who are inside? 13 But those who are outside **God** judges. Therefore “put away from yourselves the evil person.”

Controversial Judgments

8 ¶ If a matter arises **that** is too hard for you to judge, between degrees of guilt for bloodshed, between one judgment or another, or between one punishment or another, matters of controversy within your gates, **then** you shall arise and go up to the place **that** **YHWH your God** chooses. 9 And you shall come to the priests, the Levites, and to the judge **there** in those days, and inquire of them; they shall pronounce upon you the sentence of judgment. 10 You shall do according to the sentence **that** they pronounce upon you in **that place that** **YHWH chooses**.

And you shall be careful to do according to all that they order you; 11 according to the sentence of the law in which they instruct you, according to the judgment **that** they tell you, you shall do; you shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left from the sentence **that** they pronounce upon you. 12

Defiance of Judgment

Now the man who acts presumptuously and will not heed the priest who stands to minister **there** before **YHWH your God**, or the judge, that man shall die. **So** *[in this way]* you shall put away the evil from Israel. 13 And all the people shall hear and fear, and no longer act presumptuously.

Rules for a Future King

14 ¶ **When** you come to the land **that** **YHWH your God** is giving you, and possess it and dwell in it, and say, ⁱⁱ ‘I will set a king over me like all the nations that *are* around me’, 15 you shall surely set a king over you whom **YHWH your God** chooses; **one** from among your brethren you shall set as king over you; you may not set a foreigner over you, who *is* not your brother. 16 But he shall not multiply horses for himself, nor cause the people to return to **Egypt** to multiply horses, for **YHWH** has said to you *[not previously recorded? [Ex 14:13?](#)]*, ‘**You shall not return that way again.**’ 17 Neither shall he multiply wives for himself, lest his heart turn away; nor shall he greatly multiply silver and gold for himself. 18 Also it shall be, **when** he sits on the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write for himself ⁱⁱⁱ a copy of this law in a book, from the one before the priests, the Levites. 19 And **it** shall be with him, and he shall read **it** all the days of his life, *[four reasons:]*
(1) that he may (a) learn to fear **YHWH his God** and (b) be careful to observe all the words of this law and these statutes, 20
(2) that his heart may not be lifted above his brethren,
(3) that he may not turn aside from the commandment to the right hand or to the left, and
(4) that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he and his children, in the midst of Israel.

Deuteronomy 18

No Land Inheritance for Priests

18:1 ¶ The priests, the Levites — all the tribe of Levi — shall have no part nor inheritance with Israel [[Nu 1:53](#)]; they shall eat the offerings of **YHWH** made by fire, and His portion. 2 Therefore they shall have no inheritance among their brethren; **YHWH is their inheritance**, as He said to them. 3 And this shall be the priest’s due from the people, from those who offer a sacrifice, whether *it is* bull or sheep: they shall give to the priest the shoulder, the cheeks, and the stomach. 4 The firstfruits of your grain and your new wine and your *[olive]* oil, and the first of the fleece of your sheep, you shall give him. 5 For **YHWH your God** has chosen him out of all your tribes to stand to minister in the name of **YHWH**, him and his sons forever. 6 So if a Levite comes from any of your gates, from where he dwells among all Israel, and comes with all the desire of his mind to the place **that** **YHWH chooses**, 7 **then** he may serve in the name of **YHWH his God** as all his brethren the Levites do, who stand there before **YHWH**. 8 They shall have equal portions to eat, besides what comes from the sale of family possessions³ [his inheritance].

³ NKJV correction: He has no inheritance (v1), and this is a distinct Hebrew word. [Highlighting Legend & Latest Notes](#)

No Abominations

9 ¶ When you come into the land that YHWH your God is giving you, you shall not learn to follow the abominations of those nations. 10 There shall not be found among you

anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, or

one who practices witchcraft, or a soothsayer, or

one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, 11 or

one who conjures spells, or a medium, or

a spiritist, or

one who calls up the dead. 12

For all who do these things are an abomination to YHWH,

and because of these abominations YHWH your God drives them out from before you. 13 You shall be blameless before YHWH your God. 14 For these nations that you will dispossess listened to soothsayers and diviners; but as for you, YHWH your God has not appointed such for you.

A Future Prophet Like Moses

15 ¶ YHWH your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me [the Messiah]

[John 7:40]

from your midst, [Acts 3:22]

from your brethren. [Acts 7:37]

Him you shall hear, 16 according to all you desired [i.e., as you requested] of YHWH your God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying,

‘Let me not hear again the voice of YHWH my God, nor let me see this great fire anymore, lest I die.’

[5:25; Ex 20:19] 17

And YHWH said to me [not previously recorded]:

‘What they have spoken is good. 18 I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him. 19 And it shall be that whoever will not hear My words that He speaks in My name, I will require it of him [new definition of Israel]. 20

False Prophets

But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in My name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.’ 21

And if you say in your heart,

‘How shall we know the word that YHWH has not spoken?’ — 22

when a prophet speaks in the name of YHWH, if the thing does not happen or come to pass, that is the thing that YHWH has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him.

[Audio: Steve Gregg De 19-21]

Deuteronomy 19

Western Cities of Refuge

19:1 ¶ When YHWH your God has cut off the nations whose land YHWH your God is giving you, and you dispossess them and dwell in their cities and in their houses, 2 you shall separate three [3] cities for yourself in the midst of your land that YHWH your God is giving you to possess. 3 You shall prepare roads for yourself, and divide into three [3] parts the territory of your land that YHWH your God is giving you to inherit, [reason:] that any manslayer may flee

there. 4 And this is the case of the manslayer who flees there, that he may live: Whoever kills his neighbor unintentionally, not having hated him in time past — 5 as when a man goes to the woods with his neighbor to cut timber, and his hand swings a stroke with the ax to cut down the tree, and the head slips from the handle and strikes his neighbor so that he dies — he shall flee to one of these cities and live; 6 lest the avenger of blood, while his anger is hot, pursue the manslayer and overtake him, because the way is long, and kill him, though he was not deserving of death, since he had not hated the victim in time past. 7

Therefore I command you, saying,

‘You shall separate three [3] cities for yourself.’ 8

Now if YHWH your God enlarges your territory, as He swore to your fathers, and gives you the land that He promised to give to your fathers, 9 and if you keep all these commandments and do them, which I command you today, to love YHWH your God and to walk always in His ways, then you shall add three [3] more cities for yourself besides these three [3], 10 [reason:] lest innocent blood be shed in the midst of your land that YHWH your God is giving you as an inheritance, and thus guilt of bloodshed be upon you. 11 But if anyone

hates his neighbor, lies in wait for him, and strikes him mortally,

so that he dies, and he flees to one of these cities, 12

then the elders of his city shall send and bring him from there, and deliver him over to the hand of the avenger of blood, that he may die. 13 Your eye shall not pity him, but you shall put away the guilt of innocent blood from Israel, [reason:] that it may go well with you.

Ancient Landmarks

14 ¶ You shall not remove your neighbor’s landmark that the men of old have set, in your inheritance that you will inherit in the land that YHWH your God is giving you to possess. 15

Witnesses, Penalties

One witness shall not rise against a man concerning any iniquity or any sin that he commits:

by the mouth of two [2] or three [3] witnesses the matter shall be established. [Cf. De 17:6; He 10:28]

Matthew 18:15-16ff

Steps to Brotherly Reconciliation

15 ¶ Moreover if your brother sins against you,

[R1] go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. 16 But if he will not hear, [R2] take with you one or two more, that

‘by the mouth of two [2] or three [3] witnesses every word may be established.’

2 Corinthians 13:1

This will be the third [3rd] time I am coming to you.

“By the mouth of two [2] or three [3] witnesses every word shall be established.” [3 visits = 3 witnesses]

1 Timothy 5:19

Do not receive an accusation against an elder except from two [2] or three [3] witnesses.

16 If a false witness rises against any man to testify against him of wrongdoing, 17 then both men in the controversy shall stand

before YHWH, before the priests and the judges who serve in those days. 18

And the judges shall make careful inquiry, and indeed, if the witness is a false witness, who has testified falsely against his brother, 19 then you shall do to him as he thought to have done to his brother; so [in this way] you shall put away the evil from among you.

1 Corinthians 5:12-13 [above]

20 And those who remain shall hear and fear, and hereafter they shall not again commit such evil among you. 21 Your eye shall not pity:

life shall be for life,
eye for eye,
tooth for tooth,
hand for hand,
foot for foot.

[Limits the civil, not personal, penalty: no more, no less]

Deuteronomy 20

The Battle is YHWH's

20:1 ¶ When you go out to battle against your enemies, and see horses and chariots and people more numerous than you, do not be afraid of them; for YHWH your God is with you, who brought you up from the land of Egypt. 2 So it shall be,

when you are on the verge of battle, that the priest shall approach and speak to the people. 3 And he shall say to them,

‘Hear, O Israel:

Today you are on the verge of battle with your enemies: do not let your heart faint, do not be afraid, and do not tremble or be terrified because of them; 4

for YHWH your God is He who goes with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you’. 5

Then the officers shall speak to the people, saying:

‘What man is there who has built a new house and has not dedicated it? Let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle and another man dedicate it. 6 Also

what man is there who has planted a vineyard and has not eaten of it? Let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle and another man eat of it. 7 And

what man is there who is betrothed to a woman and has not married her?

Let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle and another man marry her.’ 8

The officers shall speak further to the people, and say, ‘What man is there who is fearful and fainthearted?

Let him go and return to his house, lest the heart of his brethren faint like his heart.’ 9

And so it shall be, when the officers have finished speaking to the people, that they shall make captains of the armies to lead the people.

Treatment of Distant Cities

10 ¶ When you go near a city to fight against it, then proclaim an offer of peace to it. 11 And it shall be that if they accept your offer of peace, and open to you, then all the people who are found in it shall

be placed under tribute to you, and serve you. 12

Now if the city will not make peace with you, but makes war against you, then you shall besiege it. 13 And when YHWH your God delivers it into your hands, you shall strike every male in it with the edge of the sword. 14 But

the women, the little ones, the livestock, and all that is in the city, all its spoil,

you shall plunder for yourself; and you shall eat the enemies’ plunder that YHWH your God gives you. 15

Thus you shall do to all the cities that are very far from you, that are not of the cities of these [below] nations.

Treatment of Near Cities

16 But of the cities of these peoples that YHWH your God gives you as an inheritance, you shall let nothing that breathes remain alive, 17 but you shall utterly destroy them:

the Hittite and the Amorite and the Canaanite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite,

just as YHWH your God has commanded you, 18 lest they teach you to do according to all their abominations that they have done for their gods, and you sin against YHWH your God.

19 When you besiege a city for a long time, while making war against it to take it, you shall not destroy its trees by wielding an ax against them; if you can eat of them, do not cut them down to use in the siege, for the tree of the field is man’s [trees for] food. 20 Only the trees that you know are not trees for food you may destroy and cut down, to build siegeworks against the city that makes war with you, until it is subdued.

Deuteronomy 21

One Found Slain

21:1 ¶ If **anyone is found** slain, lying in the field in the land **that YHWH your God** is giving you to possess, **and** it is not known who **killed him**, 2 **then** your elders and your judges shall go out and measure *the distance* from the slain man to the surrounding cities. 3 And it shall be *that* the elders of the city nearest to the slain man will take a heifer

that has not been worked **and**

that has not pulled with a yoke. 4

The elders of **that city** shall take [bring] the heifer down to a valley with flowing water **that** is neither plowed nor sown, and they shall break the heifer's neck **there** in the valley. 5 **Then** the priests, the sons of Levi, shall come near, for **YHWH your God** has chosen them

to minister to **Him** and

to **bless in the name of YHWH**;

by their word

every controversy and

every assault

shall be *settled*. 6 And all the elders of **that city** nearest to the **slain man** shall wash their hands over the heifer whose neck was broken in the valley. 7

Then they shall answer and say,

‘Our hands have not shed this **blood**,

nor have our eyes seen *it*. 8 Provide

atonement, O **YHWH**, for **Your people**

Israel, whom **You** have **redeemed**,

and do not lay innocent blood to the

charge of **Your people Israel**.’

And **atonement** shall be provided on their behalf for the **blood [of the slain one]**. 9 So *[in this way]* you shall put away the **guilt of innocent blood** from among you **when** you do *what is right* in **the sight of YHWH**.

Captive Woman to Wife

10 ¶ **When** you go out to war against your enemies, and **YHWH your God** delivers them into your hand, and you take them captive, 11 and you see among the **captives** a beautiful woman, and desire her and would take her for your **wife [hence, a concubine]**, 12 **then** you shall bring her home to your house, and she shall

shave her head and

trim her nails. 13

She shall

put off the clothes of her captivity,

remain in your house, and

mourn her father and her mother

a full month;

after that you may

go in to her and

be her **husband**,

and she shall be your **wife**. 14 And it

shall be, **if you have no delight in her**,

then you shall set her free, but you

certainly shall not sell her for money;

you shall not treat her brutally,

because you have humbled her.

Firstborn from an Unloved Wife

15 ¶ If a man has **two [2] wives**, one loved and [e.g., *Rachel*] the other unloved, [e.g., *Leah*] and they have borne him children, **both** the loved and the unloved, and **if** the **firstborn** son is of her who is unloved, 16 **then** it shall be, **on the day** he bequeaths his possessions to his sons, **that** he must **not** bestow **firstborn** status on the son of the loved wife in preference to the son of the unloved, the **true firstborn**. 17 But he shall acknowledge the son of the unloved wife **as** the **firstborn** by giving him a **double portion** of all that he has, for he **is** the **beginning of his strength**; the right of the **firstborn** **is** his.

Stubborn and Rebellious Son

18 ¶ If a man has a stubborn and rebellious son who will not obey the voice of his father or the voice of his mother, and **who**, **when** they have chastened him, will **not** heed them, 19 **then** his father and his mother shall take hold of him and bring him out to the elders of his city, to the gate of his city. 20

And they shall say

to the elders of his city,

‘This son of ours is stubborn and

rebellious; he will not obey our voice;

he is a glutton and a drunkard.’ 21

Then all the men of his city shall

stone him to death with stones.

So [in this way] you shall put away the evil from among you, and all Israel shall hear and fear.

1 Corinthians 5:12-13 [above]

Hanged Man Not Left Overnight

22 If a man has committed a sin deserving of death, and he is put to death, and you hang him on a tree, 23 his body shall not remain **overnight** on the tree, but you shall surely bury him **that day**, so that you do not **defile the land that YHWH your God** is giving you **as** an inheritance; for

he who is hanged **is**

accursed of **God**.

Galatians 3:13

Christ has **redeemed** us from the **curse** of the law, having become a **curse** for us (for it is written, “**Cursed is everyone** who hangs on a tree”),

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Deuteronomy 22

Lost Animals Found [Ex 23:4-5]

22:1 ¶ You shall not see your brother's ox or his sheep going astray, and hide yourself from them; you shall certainly take [bring] them back to your brother. 2 And if your brother *is* not near you, or if you do not know him, **then** you shall take [bring] it to your own house, and it shall remain with you **until** your brother seeks it; **then** you shall restore it to him. 3 You shall do the same with his donkey, and so shall you do with his garment; with any lost thing of your brother's **that** he has lost and you have found, you shall do likewise; you must not hide yourself. 4 You shall not see your brother's donkey or his ox fall down along the road, and hide yourself from them; you shall surely help him lift *them* up **again**.

Cross Dressing

5 ¶ A woman shall not wear anything that pertains to a man, nor shall a man put on a woman's garment, for all who do so *are* an abomination to YHWH your God.

Bird's Nest Found

6 If a bird's nest happens to be before you along the way, in any **tree** or on the **ground** [Hebrew: *erets*], with young ones or eggs, with the mother sitting on the young or on the eggs, you shall not take the mother with the young; 7 you shall surely let the mother go, and take the young for yourself, [reasons:]
that it may be well with you and
that you may prolong **your days**.

[← Audio: Steve Gregg [De 22-23](#)]

Building Code for Safety

8 **When** you build a new house, **then** you shall make a parapet for your roof, that you may not bring guilt of **blood**-shed on your household if anyone falls from it.

No Mixed Seed

9 You shall not sow your **vineyard** with different kinds of **seed**, [reason:] lest the **yield** of the **seed** **that** you have sown and the **fruit** of your **vineyard** be defiled.

No Unequal Yoking

10 You shall not plow with an ox [clean: 14:4] and a donkey [unclean] together [unequal yoking].

2 Corinthians 6:14

The Temple of the Living God

Do not be **unequally yoked together** with **unbelievers**. For what fellowship has **righteousness** with **lawlessness**? And what communion has **light** with **darkness**?

No Mixed Cloth

11 You shall not wear a garment of different sorts, *such as* wool and linen **mixed** together.

Tassels

12 You shall make **tassels** on the four corners of the clothing with which you cover *yourself*.

Evidence of Virginity

13 ¶ If any man takes a wife, and goes in to her, and detests her, 14 and charges her with shameful conduct, and brings a bad name on her, and says,

‘I took this woman, and **when** I came to her I found she *was* not a virgin’, 15 **then** the father and mother of the young woman shall take and bring out *the evidence of* the young woman's virginity to the elders of **the city** at the gate. 16 And the young woman's father shall say to the elders,

‘I gave my daughter to this man as wife, and he detests her. 17 **Now** he has charged her with shameful conduct, saying, “I found your daughter *was* not a virgin”, and yet these *are the evidences of* my daughter's virginity.’

And they shall spread **the cloth** before the elders of the city. 18

Then the elders of **that city** shall take that man and punish him; 19 and they shall **fine him one hundred [100] shekels of silver**⁴ and give *them* to the father of the young woman, because he has brought a bad name on a virgin of Israel. And she shall be his wife; **he cannot divorce her all his days**.

⁴ A silver shekel may have been ~1/60th of a pound, so 16/60 x ~\$10.80 = \$2.88, so 100 shekels = ~ \$288, in 2008 dollars.

20 But if the thing is true, *and evidences of* virginity are not found for the young woman, 21 **then** they shall bring out the young woman to the door of her father's house, and the men of **her city** shall stone her to death with stones, because she has done a disgraceful thing in Israel, to **play the harlot** in her father's house. **So [in this way] you shall** put away the evil from among you.

[1Co 15:12-13]

Adultery, Rape

22 If a man is found lying with a woman married to a husband, **then** both of **them** shall die — the man that lay with the woman, and the woman; **so you shall** put away the evil from Israel.

[cf. Lev 20:10; John 8:5]

23 If a young woman *who is* a virgin is betrothed to a husband, and a man finds her in **the city** and lies with her, 24 **then** you shall take [bring] them both out to the gate of **that city**, and you shall stone them to death with stones, the young woman because she did not cry out in **the city**, and the man because he humbled his neighbor's wife; **so you shall** put away the evil from among you.

25 But if a man finds a betrothed young woman in **the countryside**, and the man forces her and lies with her, **then only** the man who lay with her shall die. 26 But you shall do nothing to the young woman; *there is* in the young woman **no sin** deserving of death, for just as **when** a man rises against his neighbor and kills him, even so *is* this matter. 27 For he found her in **the countryside**, and the betrothed young woman [*is presumed to have*] cried out, but *there was* no one to save her.

28 If a man finds a young woman *who is a virgin, who is not betrothed, and he seizes her and lies with her, and they are found out,* 29 **then** the man who lay with her shall give to the young woman's father **fifty [50] shekels of silver**, and she shall be his wife because he has humbled her; **he shall not be permitted to divorce her all his days.**

30 A man shall not take his father's wife [stepmother], nor uncover [dishonor] his father's bed.

Deuteronomy 23

No Entry to YHWH's Assembly

23:1 ¶ He who is emasculated by crushing or mutilation shall not enter **the assembly of YHWH.**

2 One of illegitimate birth shall not enter **the assembly of YHWH;** even to **the tenth [10th] generation** none of his *descendants* shall enter **the assembly of YHWH.**

3 An **Ammonite** or **Moabite** shall not enter **the assembly of YHWH;** even to **the tenth [10th] generation** none of his *descendants* shall enter **the assembly of YHWH forever,** 4 because they did not meet you with **bread and water** on the road **when** you came out of **Egypt,** and because they hired against you Balaam the son of Beor from **Pethor** of **Mesopotamia,** to curse you. 5 Nevertheless **YHWH your God** would not listen to Balaam, but **YHWH your God** turned the curse into a blessing for you, because **YHWH your God** loves you. 6

You shall not seek their peace nor their prosperity **all your days forever.** 7

You shall not abhor an **Edomite,** for he *is* your brother.

You shall not abhor an **Egyptian,** because you were an alien in his land. 8 The children of **the third [3rd] generation** born to them may enter **the assembly of YHWH.**

Keep Camp Clean

9 ¶ **When** the army goes out against your enemies, **then** keep yourself from every wicked thing. 10 If there is any man among you who becomes unclean by some occurrence **in the night, then** he shall go **outside the camp;**

he shall not come inside the camp. 11 But it shall be, **when evening comes,** that he shall wash with water; and **when the sun sets,** he may come **into the camp.**

12 Also you shall have a place **outside the camp,** where you may go out; 13 and you shall have an implement among your equipment, and **when** you sit down outside, you shall dig with it and turn and cover your refuse. 14 For **YHWH your God** walks **in the midst of your camp,** to deliver you and give your enemies over to you; therefore your camp shall be holy, [reason:] that **He** may see no unclean thing among you, and turn away from you.

Escaped Slaves

15 ¶ You shall **not** give back to his master the slave who has escaped from his master to you. 16 **He** may dwell with

you in your midst, in **the place that** he chooses within one of your gates, where it seems best to him; you shall **not** oppress him.

Harlotry

17 There shall be **no ritual** harlot of the daughters of Israel, or a **perverted** one of the sons of Israel.

No Corrupt Money as Offerings

18 You shall not bring the wages of a **harlot** or [slang:] the price of a dog [male prostitute] to **the house of YHWH your God** for any vowed offering, for both of these **are** an **abomination to YHWH your God.**

No Interest Charges to Brothers

19 You shall not charge interest to your brother — interest on money *or* food *or* anything that is lent out at interest. 20 To a foreigner you may charge interest, but to your brother you shall not charge interest, [reason:] that **YHWH your God** may **bless** you in all to which you set your hand **in the land that** you are entering to possess.

Keep and Perform Vows [Ec 5:1-6]

21 **When** you make a vow to **YHWH your God,** you shall not delay to pay it; for **YHWH your God** will surely require it of you, and it would be **sin** to you [not to pay it]. 22 But if you abstain from vowing, it shall not be **sin** to you. 23 That which has gone from your lips you shall **keep and perform,** for you voluntarily vowed to **YHWH your God** what you have promised with your mouth.

Eating Your Neighbor's Crops

24 **When** you come into your neighbor's vineyard, you may eat your fill of grapes at your pleasure, but you shall not put **any** in your container. 25 **When** you come into your neighbor's standing grain, you may pluck the heads with your hand, but you shall not use a sickle on your neighbor's standing grain.

[Audio: Steve Gregg De 24-26]

Deuteronomy 24

Divorce and Remarriage

24:1 ¶ **When** a man takes a wife and marries her, and it happens that she finds no favor in his eyes because he has found some uncleaness in her, and he

writes her **a certificate of divorce,** puts *it* in her hand, and sends her **out of his house,** 2 [cf. Mt 5:31-32; Mt 19:3-12 || Mk 10:2-12]

when she has departed from his house, and goes and becomes another man's wife, 3

if the latter husband detests her and writes her **a certificate of divorce,** puts *it* in her hand, and sends her **out of his house,** or

if the latter husband dies who took her as his wife, 4 **then** her former husband who divorced her **must not take her back** to be his wife after she has been defiled; for that *is* an **abomination before YHWH,** and you shall not bring **sin** on the land **that YHWH your God** is giving you *as* an inheritance.

⁵ About \$144. See prior footnote 4.

Happiness to a New wife

5 ¶ When a man has taken a new wife, he shall not go out to war or be charged with any business; he shall be free at home one year, and bring happiness to his wife whom he has taken.

No Pledge of the Basis of Living

6 No man shall take the lower or the upper millstone in pledge, for he takes one's living in pledge.

Death for Kidnapping, Mistreatment

7 If a man is found kidnapping any of his brethren of the children of Israel, and mistreats him or sells him, then that kidnapper shall die; so [and] you shall put away the evil from among you. [1Co 15:12-13 above]

Outbreak of Leprosy

8 Take heed [be sure] in an outbreak of leprosy that you carefully observe and do according to all that the priests, the Levites, shall teach you; just as I commanded them, so you shall be careful to do. 9 Remember what YHWH your God did to Miriam on the way when you came out of Egypt. [Cf. Nu 12:1-15]

Pledges

10 When you lend your brother anything, you shall not go into his house to get his pledge. 11 You shall stand outside, and the man to whom you lend shall bring the pledge out to you. 12 And if the man is poor, you shall not keep his pledge overnight. 13 You shall in any case return the pledge to him again when the sun goes down, [reasons:] that he may sleep in his own garment and bless you; and it shall be righteousness to you before YHWH your God.

No Oppression of Slaves

14 ¶ You shall not oppress a hired servant who is poor and needy, whether one of your brethren or one of the aliens who is in your land within your gates. 15 Each day you shall give him his wages, and not let the sun go down on it, for he is poor and has set his heart on it; lest he cry out against you to YHWH, and it be sin to you.

See 1 Timothy 5:18b following 25:4.

Death Only for One's Own Sin

16 Fathers shall not be put to death for their children, nor shall the children be put to death for their fathers; a person shall be put to death for his own sin.

Justice and Provision

for Stranger, Orphan, Widow

17 You shall not pervert justice due the stranger or the fatherless, nor take a widow's garment as a pledge. 18

Reason

But you shall remember that you were a slave in Egypt, and YHWH your God redeemed you from there; therefore I command you to do this thing. 19

Leave Some Harvest

When you reap your harvest in your field, and forget a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it; it shall be for the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, [cf. Ruth] [reason:] that YHWH your God may bless you in all the work of your hands. 20

Leave Some Olives

When you beat your olive trees, you shall not go over the boughs again; it shall be for the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow. 21

Leave Some Grapes

When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, you shall not glean afterward; it shall be for the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow. 22

Repeat Reason

And you shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt; therefore I command you to do this thing.

Deuteronomy 25

Limit to Punishment: 40 Blows

25:1 ¶ If there is a dispute between men, and they come to court, that the judges may judge them, and they justify [acquitt] the righteous [innocent] and condemn the wicked [guilty], 2 then it shall be, if the wicked man deserves to be beaten, that the judge will cause him to lie down and be beaten [↓ the innocent's] in his presence, according to his guilt, with a certain number of blows. 3 Forty [40] blows he may give him and no more, lest he should exceed this and beat him with many blows above these, and your brother be humiliated in your sight.

Do Not Muzzle a Working Ox

4 You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain.

1 Corinthians 9:9-11

For it is written in the law of Moses,

“You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain.”

Is it oxen God is concerned about? 10

Or does He say it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt,

this is written, [reason:] that he who plows

should plow in hope, and

he who threshes in hope

should be partaker of his hope. 11

If we have sown

spiritual things for you,

is it a great thing if we reap your material things?

1 Timothy 5:17-18

Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and teaching [doctrine]. 18

For the Scripture says, [= De 25:4]

“You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain”,

and, [similar to De 24:15]

“The laborer is worthy of his wages.”

Brother to Marry Brother's Widow

5 ¶ If brothers dwell together, and one of them dies and has no son, the widow of the dead man shall not be married to a stranger outside the family [household, dwelling]; her husband's brother shall

go in to her,

take her as his wife, and

perform the duty of a husband's

brother to her. 6

[cf. Mt 22:23 // Mk 12:18 //

Lu 20:27ff re resurrection]

And it shall be that the firstborn son that she bears will succeed to the name of his dead brother, that his name may not be blotted out of Israel. 7 But if the man does not want to take his brother's wife, then let his brother's wife go up to the gate to the elders, and say,

‘My husband's brother refuses to raise up a name to his brother in Israel; he will not perform the duty of my husband's brother.’ 8

Then the elders of his city shall call him and speak to him. But

if he stands firm and says,

‘I do not want to take her’, 9

then his brother's wife shall

come to him

in the presence of the elders,

remove his sandal from his foot, spit in his face,

and answer and say,

‘So shall it be done to the man who will not build up his brother's house.’ 10

And his name shall be called in Israel,

‘The house of him

who had his sandal removed.’

Wife's Rescue Gone Awry

11 If two men fight together, and the wife of one draws near to rescue her husband from the hand of the one attacking him, and puts out her hand and seizes him by the genitals, 12 then you shall cut off her hand; your eye shall not pity her.

Do Business With Just Measures

13 ¶ You shall not have in your bag differing weights, a heavy and a light.

14 You shall not have in your house differing measures, a large and a small.

15 You shall have

a perfect and just weight,

a perfect and just measure,

[reason:] that your days may be lengthened in the land that YHWH your God is giving you. 16 For

all who do such things,

all who behave unrighteously,

are an abomination to YHWH your God.

Blot Out Amalek [Ex 17:8ff, Nu 24:20]

17 Remember what Amalek did to you on the way as you were coming out of Egypt, 18 how he met you on the way and attacked your rear ranks, all the stragglers at your rear, when you were tired and weary; and he did not fear God. 19 Therefore it shall be, when YHWH your God has given you rest from your enemies all around, in the land that YHWH your God is giving you to possess as an inheritance, that you will blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven.

You shall not forget. [Cf. Salul's later incomplete obedience: Isa 15]

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Deuteronomy 26

One-Time Offering of First Firstfruits

26:1 ¶ And it shall be, when you come into the land that YHWH your God is giving you as an inheritance, and you possess it and dwell in it, that you shall take some of the first of all the produce of the ground [Heb. adamah], which you shall bring from your land [Heb. eretz] that YHWH your God is giving you, and put it in a basket and go to the place where YHWH your God chooses to make His name abide. 3 And you shall go to the one who is priest in those days, and say to him, 'I declare today to YHWH your God that I have come to the land [country] [Heb. eretz] that YHWH swore to our fathers to give us.' 4 Then the priest shall take the basket out of your hand and set it down before the altar of YHWH your God. 5 And you shall answer and say before YHWH your God:

'My father [Abraham] was a Syrian [in Haran, Syria; and later Jacob], about to perish [due to the famine in Canaan], and he went down to Egypt [Ge 46:27] and dwelt there, few in number [70 to start: Ex 1:5]; and there he [Jacob = Israel] became a nation, great, mighty, and populous [603,550 fighting men, plus families: Nu 2:32]. 6 But the Egyptians mistreated us, afflicted us, and laid hard bondage on us. 7 Then we cried out to YHWH God of our fathers, and YHWH heard our voice and looked on our affliction and our labor and our oppression. 8 So YHWH brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and with an outstretched arm, with great terror and with signs and wonders. 9 He has brought us to this place and has given us this land, "a land flowing with milk and honey"; 10 and now, behold, I have brought the firstfruits of the land that you, O YHWH, have given me.'

Then you shall set it before YHWH your God, and worship before YHWH your God. 11 So you shall rejoice in every good thing that YHWH your God has given to you and your house, you and the Levite and the stranger who is among you.

Tithe to Levites, Strangers, Orphans, and Widows

12 ¶ When you have finished laying aside all the tithe of your increase in the third year — the year of tithing — and have given it to the Levite, the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, [reason:] so that they may eat within your gates and be filled, 13 then you shall say before YHWH your God: 'I have removed the holy tithe from my house, and also have given them to the Levite, the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, according to all Your commandments that You have commanded me; I have not transgressed Your commandments, nor have I forgotten them. 14 I have not [the holy tithe: v13] eaten any of it when in mourning, nor have I removed any of it for an unclean use, nor given any of it for the dead. I have obeyed the voice of YHWH my God, and have done according to all that You have commanded me. 15

Look down from Your holy habitation, from heaven, and bless Your people Israel and the land that You have given us, just as You swore to our fathers, "a land flowing with milk and honey."

Observe, Obey, Keep: Holy People

16 ¶ This day YHWH your God commands you to observe these statutes and judgments; therefore you shall be careful to observe them with all your heart and with all your soul. 17 Today you have proclaimed YHWH to be your God, and that you will walk in His ways and keep His statutes, His commandments, and His judgments, and that you will obey His voice. 18 Also today YHWH has proclaimed you to be His special people, just as He promised you [Ex 19:5-6], that you should keep all His commandments, 19 and that He will set you high above all nations that He has made, in praise, in name, and in honor, and that you may be a holy people to YHWH your God [Ex 19:6], just as He has spoken."

[Audio: Steve Gregg De 27-28]

Deuteronomy 27

Altar of Stones on Mount Ebal

27:1 ¶ Now Moses, [Jos 8:30-35]

with the elders of Israel [they must have just joined him at the "podium"], commanded the people, saying:

"Keep all the commandments that I command you today. 2 And it shall be, on the day when you cross over the Jordan to the land that YHWH your God is giving you, that you shall set up for yourselves large stones, and whitewash them with lime. 3 You shall write on them all the words of this law, when you have crossed over, that you may enter the land that YHWH your God is giving you,

'a land flowing with milk and honey', just as YHWH God of your fathers promised you. 4 Therefore it shall be, when you have crossed over the Jordan, that on Mount Ebal ["stone" or "bare mountain"; north of Shechem in Ephraim, opposite Mt. Gerizim: 11:29b] you shall set up these stones

that I command you today, and you shall whitewash them with lime. 5

And there you shall build

an altar to YHWH your God,

an altar of stones;

you shall not use an iron tool on them. 6

You shall

build with whole stones the altar

of YHWH your God, and

offer burnt offerings on it

to YHWH your God. 7

You shall offer peace offerings,

and shall eat there,

and rejoice before YHWH your God 8

And you shall write very plainly on the stones all the words of this law."

[Presumably, just the Ten Commandments.] 9

This Day: People of YHWH God

Then Moses and the priests, the Levites, spoke to all Israel, saying,

"Take heed and listen, O Israel:

This day you have become the people of YHWH your God. 10

Therefore you shall

obey the voice

of YHWH your God, and

observe His commandments

and His statutes

that I command you today."

Bless and Curse from Mounts

11 ¶ And Moses commanded the people on the same day [1:3, 31:1], saying, 12

"These [6 tribes below] shall stand on Mount Gerizim

["cuttings off"; later site of the Samaritan temple built after the captivity; north of Shechem in Ephraim, opposite Mt. Ebal: 11:29b]

to bless the people,

when you have crossed over the Jordan:

Simeon,

Levi,

Judah,

Issachar,

Joseph, and

Benjamin; 13

and these shall stand on Mount Ebal

to curse [the people]:

Reuben,

Gad,

Asher,

Zebulun,

Dan, and

Naphtali.

Curses (12)

14 And the Levites shall

speak with a loud voice and

say to all the men of Israel: 15

'Cursed is the one who makes a carved or molded image, an abomination to YHWH,

the work of the hands of the craftsman,

and sets it up in secret.'

And all the people shall answer

and say, 'Amen!' 16

'Cursed is the one who treats his father or his mother with contempt.'

And all the people shall say, 'Amen!' 17

'Cursed is the one who moves his neighbor's landmark.'

And all the people shall say, 'Amen!' 18

'Cursed is the one who makes the blind to wander off the road.'

And all the people shall say, 'Amen!' 19

'Cursed is the one who perverts the justice due

the stranger,

the fatherless, and

[the] widow.'

And all the people shall say, 'Amen!' 20

'Cursed is the one who lies with his father's wife,

because he has uncovered

[dishonored] his father's bed.'

And all the people shall say, 'Amen!' 21

'Cursed is the one who lies with any kind of animal.'

And all the people shall say, 'Amen!' 22

'Cursed is the one who lies with his sister, the daughter of his father or the daughter of his mother.'

And all the people shall say, 'Amen!' 23

'Cursed is the one who lies with his mother-in-law.'

And all the people shall say, 'Amen!' 24

'Cursed is the one who attacks his neighbor secretly.'

And all the people shall say, 'Amen!' 25

'Cursed is the one who takes a bribe to slay an innocent person.'

And all the people shall say, 'Amen!' 26

'Cursed is the one who does not confirm all the words of this law by observing them.'

And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'

Galatians 3:9-10

So then those who are of faith are blessed with believing-Abraham [i.e., blessed along with believer Abraham]. 10 For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written,

"Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things that are written in the book of the law, to do them."

[vv1-7 parallel vv15-19 in column 4 →]

Deuteronomy 28

Blessings

28:1 ¶ **Now** it shall come to pass,
if you diligently **obey**
the voice of **YHWH your God**,
to **observe** carefully all
His commandments

that I command you **today**,
that **YHWH your God** will set you high
above all nations of the lands [earth]. 2
And all these **blessings** shall
come upon you and
overtake you,
because you **obey**
the voice of **YHWH your God**: 3

Blessed shall you be
in the city, and
Blessed shall you be
in the country. 4

Blessed shall be
the fruit of your body,
the **produce** of your **ground** and
the **increase** of your **herds**,
the increase of your cattle and
the offspring of your flocks. 5

Blessed shall be
your basket and
your kneading bowl. 6

Blessed shall you be
when you come in, and
Blessed shall you be
when you go out. 7

[end of parallel; see column 4 →]

[Compare Deu 28 with [Lev 26:3-39](#)]

[Cf. parallel v25]

YHWH will cause your enemies
who rise against you
to be defeated before your face;
they shall [↓ 7 => all]
come out against you one way and
flee before you seven [7] ways. 8

YHWH will command
the **blessing** on you
in your storehouses and
in all to which you set your hand,
and **He** will **bless** you in the land
that **YHWH your God** is **giving** you. 9

YHWH will establish you as
a holy people to **Himself**,
just as **He** has sworn to you,
if you **keep** the commandments
of **YHWH your God**

and **walk** in **His** ways. 10
Then all peoples of the lands [earth]
shall see that you are
called by the name of **YHWH**,
and they shall be afraid of you. 11

And **YHWH** will grant you
plenty of goods,
in the fruit of your body,
in the increase of your livestock, and
in the **produce** of your **ground**,
in the land of **that** **YHWH** swore to your
fathers to **give** you. 12

YHWH will open to you
His good treasure,
the heavens,
to give the rain to your land
in its **season**, and
to **bless** all the work of your hand;
you shall lend to many nations, but
you shall not borrow. 13 [cf. v44a]

And **YHWH** will make you
the head and [cf. v44b]
not the tail;
you shall be [cf. v43]
above only, and
not be beneath,

if you **heed** the commandments
of **YHWH your God**
that I command you **today**,
and are careful to **observe** them. 14
So **you shall not turn aside**
from any of the words
that I command you **this day**,
to the right or the left,
to go after other gods to serve them.

[← vv15-19 parallel vv1-7 in column 1]

More Curses

15 ¶ But it shall come to pass,
if you do not **obey** [Da 9:12]
the voice of **YHWH your God**,
to **observe** carefully all
His commandments and
His statutes
that I command you **today**,

that all these **curses** will
come upon you and
overtake you: 16

[vv17,18 swapped to match vv4,5:]

Cursed shall you be
in the city, and
Cursed shall you be
in the country. 18

Cursed shall be
the fruit of your body and
the **produce** of your **ground** [land],
the increase of your cattle and
the offspring of your flocks. 17

Cursed shall be
your basket and
your kneading bowl. 19
Cursed shall you be
when you come in, and
Cursed shall you be
when you go out. 20

[← end of parallel; see column 1]

Y_{HWH} will send on you cursing, confusion, and rebuke in all that you set your hand to do, until you are destroyed and until you perish quickly, because of the wickedness of your doings in which you have forsaken me. 21 [Moses ^]

Y_{HWH} will make the plague cling to you [Je 24:10] until He has consumed you from the land that you are going to possess. 22

Y_{HWH} will strike you with consumption, with fever, with inflammation, with severe burning fever, with the sword, with scorching, and with mildew; they shall pursue you until you perish. 23 And your heavens that are over your head shall be bronze, and the land [earth] that is under you shall be iron. 24

Y_{HWH} will change the rain of your land to powder and dust; from the heavens it shall come down on you until you are destroyed. 25

Y_{HWH} will cause you to be defeated before your enemies; you shall [↓ 7 => all] go out one way against them and flee seven [7] ways before them; and you shall become troublesome to all the kingdoms of the lands [earth]. 26 Your carcasses shall be food for all the birds of the heavens [air] and the beasts of the lands [earth], and no one shall frighten them away. 27

Y_{HWH} will strike you with the boils of Egypt, with tumors, with the scab, and with the itch, from which you cannot be healed. 28

Y_{HWH} will strike you with madness and blindness and confusion of heart. 29 And you shall grope at noonday, as a blind man gropes in darkness;

[Cf. [Romans 11:7-8](#) at [De 29:4](#)]

[Isaiah 29:9a](#) [cf. 9b-10]
Pause and wonder!
Blind yourselves and be blind!

you shall not prosper in your ways; you shall be only oppressed and plundered continually, and no one shall save you. 30

You shall betroth a wife, but another man shall lie with her. You shall build a house, but you shall not dwell in it. You shall plant a vineyard, but shall not gather its grapes. 31 Your ox shall be slaughtered before your eyes, but you shall not eat of it. Your donkey shall be violently taken away from before you, and shall not be restored to you.

Your sheep shall be given to your enemies, and you shall have no one to rescue them. 32 Your sons and your daughters shall be given to another people, and your eyes shall look and fail with longing for them all day long; and there shall be no strength in your hand. 33

A nation whom you have not known shall eat the fruit of your land and the produce of your labor, and you shall be only oppressed and crushed continually. 34

So you shall be driven mad because of the sight that your eyes see. 35

Y_{HWH} will strike you in the knees and on the legs with severe boils that cannot be healed, and from the sole of your foot to the top of your head. 36

Y_{HWH} will bring you and [prophetic] the king whom you set over you to a nation [Babylon] that neither you nor your fathers have known, and there you shall serve other gods — wood and stone; 37 and you shall become an astonishment [thing of horror], a proverb, and a byword [“become like Israel”] among all nations where Y_{HWH} will drive you. 38

You shall carry much seed out to the field but gather little in, for the locust shall consume it. 39 You shall plant vineyards and tend them, but you shall neither drink of the wine nor gather the grapes; for the worms shall eat them. 40

You shall have olive trees throughout all your territory, but you shall not anoint yourself with the oil; for your olives shall drop off. 41 You shall beget sons and daughters, but they shall not be yours; for they shall go into captivity. 42

Locusts shall consume all your trees and the produce of your land. 43 The alien who is among you shall rise higher and higher above you, and you shall come down [cf. v13b] lower and lower. 44 He shall lend to you, [cf. 12b] but you shall not lend to him; he shall be the head, [cf. 13a] and you shall be the tail.

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Deuteronomy 28:45

Even More Curses

45 ¶ Moreover all these curses shall come upon you and [e.g., in 586 BC and AD 70] pursue and overtake you, until you are destroyed, because you did not obey the voice of YHWH your God, to keep His commandments and His statutes that He commanded you. 46 And they shall be upon you for a sign and a wonder, and on your descendants forever. 47 Because you did not serve YHWH your God with joy and gladness of heart, for the abundance of everything, 48 therefore you shall serve your enemies, whom YHWH will send against you, in hunger, in thirst, in nakedness, and in need of everything; and He will put a yoke of iron on your neck until He has destroyed you. 49 YHWH will bring a nation against you from afar, from the end of the lands [earth] [Assyria, Babylon, Rome, all?], as swift as the eagle flies, a nation whose language you will not understand, 50 a nation of fierce countenance, that does not respect the elderly nor show favor to the young. 51

And they shall eat the increase of your livestock and the produce of your land, until you are destroyed; they shall not leave you grain or new wine or [olive] oil, or the increase of your cattle or the offspring of your flocks, until they have destroyed you. 52 They shall besiege you at all your gates until your high and fortified walls, in which you trust, come down throughout all your land; and they shall besiege you at all your gates throughout all your land that YHWH your God has given you. 53 You shall eat the fruit of your own body, the flesh of your sons and your daughters whom YHWH your God has given you, in the siege and desperate straits in which your enemy shall distress you. 54 [Cannibalism, as happened in 586 BC under Babylonia & in AD 70 under the Romans.] The sensitive and very refined man among you will be hostile toward his brother, toward the wife of his bosom, and toward the rest of his children whom he leaves behind, 55 so that he will not give any of them the flesh of his children whom he will eat, because he has nothing left in the siege and desperate straits in which your enemy shall distress you at all your gates. 56

The tender and delicate woman among you, who would not venture to set the sole of her foot on the ground [Hebrew: 'erets', land] because of her delicateness and sensitivity, will refuse to the husband of her bosom, and to her son and her daughter, 57 her placenta that comes out from between her feet and her children whom she bears; for she will eat them secretly for lack of everything in the siege and desperate straits in which your enemy shall distress you at all your gates. 58 If you do not carefully observe all the words of this law that are written in this book [cf. Ga 3:10 at De 27:26], that you may fear this glorious and awesome name, YHWH YOUR GOD, 59 then YHWH will bring upon you and your descendants extraordinary plagues — great and prolonged plagues — and serious and prolonged sicknesses. 60 Moreover He will bring back on you all the diseases of Egypt, of which you were afraid, and they shall cling to you. 61 Also every sickness and every plague that is not written in this Book of the Law [first reference; apparently just compiled by Moses by adding this transcript of his final sermon to the people on this particular day; cf. 31:9, 24-26] will YHWH bring upon you until you are destroyed. 62

You shall be left few in number, whereas you were as the stars of heaven in multitude, because you would not obey the voice of YHWH your God. 63 And it shall be that, just as YHWH rejoiced over you to do you good and multiply you, so YHWH will rejoice over you to destroy you and bring you to nothing; and you shall be plucked from off the land that you go to possess. 64 Then YHWH will scatter you among all peoples, from one end of the lands [earth] to the other, and there you shall serve other gods that neither you nor your fathers have known — wood and stone. 65 And among those nations you shall find no rest, nor shall the sole of your foot have a resting place; but there YHWH will give you a trembling heart, failing eyes, and anguish of soul: 66 your life shall hang in doubt before you; you shall fear day and night, and have no assurance of life. 67 In the morning you shall say, 'Oh, that it were evening!' And at evening you shall say, 'Oh, that it were morning!' because of the fear that terrifies your heart, and because of the sight that your eyes see. 68

And YHWH will take you back to Egypt in ships, by the way of which I said to you, ‘You shall never see it again.’ And there you shall be offered for sale to your enemies as male and female slaves, but no one will buy you.”

[Audio: Steve Gregg De 29-30]

Deuteronomy 29

29:1 ¶ These are the words of the covenant that YHWH commanded Moses to make with the children of Israel in the land of Moab, besides [an addendum to] the covenant that He made with them in Horeb. [Referring to Exodus (& Leviticus?).]

Remember What YHWH Has Done

2 Now Moses called all Israel and said to them:

“You have seen all that YHWH did before your eyes in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land — 3 the great trials that your eyes have seen, the signs, and those great wonders. 4

Yet YHWH has not given you a heart to perceive and eyes to see and ears to hear, to this very day. 5

And I have led you forty [40] years in the wilderness. Your clothes have not worn out on you, and your sandals have not worn out on your feet. 6 You have not eaten bread, nor have you drunk wine or similar drink, [reason:] ‘that you may know that I am YHWH your God’. 7

And when you came to this place, Sihon king of Heshbon and Og king of Bashan came out against us to battle, and we conquered them. 8 We took their land and gave it as an inheritance to the Reubenites, to the Gadites, and to half the tribe of Manasseh. 9 Therefore [because of all you have seen] keep the words of this covenant, and do them,

[reason:] that you may prosper in all that you do.

Romans 11:7-8

What then? Israel [as a whole] has not obtained what it seeks; but the elect [remnant] have obtained it, and the rest were blinded. 8 Just as it is written: “God has given them: a spirit of stupor, eyes that they should not see and ears that they should not hear, to this very day.”

Stand and Make Covenant with Him

10 ¶ All of you stand today before YHWH your God:

your leaders and your tribes and your elders and your officers, — all the men of Israel —, 11 your little ones and your wives — also the stranger who is in your camp, from the one who cuts your wood to the one who draws your water — 12

[reasons:] that you may enter into covenant with YHWH your God, and into His oath, which YHWH your God makes with you today, 13

that He may establish you today as a people for Himself, and that He may be God to you, just as He has spoken to you, and just as He has sworn to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. 14

I make this covenant and this oath, not with you alone, 15 but with him who stands here with us today before YHWH our God, as well as with him who is not here with us today 16 [NLT: all future generations of Israel]

(for you know that we dwelt in the land of Egypt and that we came through the nations that you passed by, 17 and you saw their abominations and their idols that were among them — wood and stone and silver and gold); 18

[why Moses is making this covenant:] so that there may not be among you man or woman or family or tribe, whose heart turns away today from YHWH our God, to go and serve the gods of these nations, and that there may not be among you a root bearing bitterness [He 12:15] or wormwood; 19

and so it may not happen, when he hears the words of this curse, that he blesses himself in his heart, saying [‘I am eternally secure’], ‘I shall have peace, even though I follow the dictates of my heart’, as though the drunkard could be included with the sober. 20 YHWH would not spare him; for then the anger of YHWH and His jealousy would burn against that man, and every curse that is written in this Book would settle on him, and YHWH would blot out his name from under heaven. 21 And

YHWH would separate him from all the tribes of Israel for adversity, according to all the curses of the covenant that are written in this Book of the Law, 22

so that the coming generation of your children who rise up after you, and the foreigner who comes from a far land, would say,

when they see the plagues of that land and the sicknesses that YHWH has laid on it: 23

'The whole land is [like Sodom & Gomorrah] brimstone, salt, and burning;

it is not sown, nor does it bear, nor does any grass grow there, like the overthrow of

Sodom and [Ge 10:19b]
Gomorrah, [Ge 14:2,8]
Admah, and [Ge 19:24]
Zeboim,

which YHWH overthrew in His anger and His wrath.' 24

All nations would say, 'Why has YHWH done so to this land? What does the heat of this great anger mean?' 25 Then people would say:

'Because they have forsaken the covenant of YHWH, God of their fathers, that He made with them when He brought them out of the land of Egypt; 26 for they went and served other gods and worshiped them, gods that they did not know and that He had not given to them. 27

Then the anger of YHWH was aroused against this land [the people], to bring on it every curse that is written in this Book. 28

And YHWH uprooted them from their land in anger, in wrath, and in great indignation, and cast them into another land, as it is this day.' 29

[Responsibilities are assigned thus:]

The secret things belong to YHWH our God, but those things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, [reason:]

that we may do all the words of this law.

Deuteronomy 30

Return to Him: He Will Again Bless

30:1 ¶ Now it shall come to pass, when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse that I have set before you, and you call them to mind among all the nations where YHWH your God drives you, 2 and you return to YHWH your God and obey His voice, according to all that I command you today, you and your children, with all your heart and with all your soul, 3

that YHWH your God will bring you back from captivity, and have compassion on you, and gather you again from all the nations where YHWH your God has scattered you. 4

If any of you are driven out to the farthest parts under heaven, from there YHWH your God will gather you, and from there He will bring you. 5

Then YHWH your God will bring you to the land that your fathers possessed, and you shall [re-] possess it. He will prosper you and multiply you more than your fathers. 6 And YHWH your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love YHWH your God with all your heart and with all your soul,

[reason:] that you may live. 7 Also YHWH your God will put all these curses on your enemies and on those who hate you, who persecuted you. 8 And you will again obey the voice of YHWH and do all His commandments that I command you today. 9

YHWH your God will make you abound in all the work of your hand, in the fruit of your body, in the increase of your livestock, and in the produce of your land for good. For YHWH will again rejoice over you for good as He rejoiced over your fathers, 10 if you obey the voice of YHWH your God, to keep His commandments and His statutes that are written in this Book of the Law, and if you turn to YHWH your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

11 ¶ For this commandment that I command you today is not too mysterious for you, nor is it far off. 12 It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will ascend into heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?' 13

Nor *is* it beyond the sea,
 that you should say,
 ‘Who will
 go over the sea for us and
 bring it to us,
 that we may hear it and do it?’¹⁴
 But **the word** *is* very near you,
 in your mouth and
 in your heart,
 [reason:] that you may do it.

Romans 10:5-9
 For Moses writes about the
 righteousness that is of the law,
 “The man who does those things
 shall live by them.” [Le 18:5]⁶
 [cf. Ga 3:12]
 But the righteousness of faith
 speaks in this way,
 “Do not say in your heart,
 ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’
 — that is,
 to bring Christ down from above⁷ or,
 ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’”
 — that is,
 to bring Christ up from the dead.⁸
 But what does it [he, Moses] say?
 “_____ The word is _____ near you,
 in your mouth and
 in your heart”
 — that is, the word of faith
 that we preach:⁹
 that if you confess with your mouth
 the Lord Jesus and believe in your
 heart that God has raised Him from
 the dead, you will be saved.

¹⁵ ¶ See, I have set before you today
 life and good,
 death and evil,¹⁶
 in that I command you today
 to love YHWH your God,
 to walk in His ways, and

to keep
 His commandments,
 His statutes, and
 His judgments,
 [reasons:]
 that you may
 live and
 multiply;
 and YHWH your God will bless you
 in the land that you go to possess.¹⁷
 But if your heart turns away so that you
 do not hear, and
 are drawn away, and
 worship other gods and
 serve them,¹⁸
 I announce to you today that
 you shall surely perish;
 you shall not prolong your days
 in the land that you cross over
 the Jordan to go in and possess.¹⁹
 I call [the inhabitants of]
 heaven and [those of]
 land [earth] [two witnesses]
 as witnesses today against you, that
 I have set before you
 life and death,
 blessing and cursing;
 therefore choose life, [reasons:]
 that both you and your descendants
 may live;²⁰
 that you may love YHWH your God,
 that you may obey His voice, and
 that you may cling to Him, for He is
 your life and
 the length of your days; and
 that you may dwell
 in the land that YHWH swore
 to your fathers,
 to Abraham,
 Isaac, and
 Jacob,
 to give them.”

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[Audio: Steve Gregg De 31-32]

Deuteronomy 31
Moses at 120 Has Finished His Job
^{31:1} ¶ Then Moses went [to the people]
 and spoke these words to all Israel.²
 And he said to them:
 “I am one hundred and twenty [120] years
 old today [in 2553 AB; Ex 12:40-41].
 I can no longer go out and come in.
 Also YHWH has said to me,
 ‘You shall not cross over this Jordan.’³
 YHWH your God Himself crosses over
 before you; He will destroy these
 nations from before you, and you shall
 dispossess them. Joshua himself
 crosses over before you, just as YHWH
 has said.⁴ And YHWH will do to them
 as He did to
 Sihon and Og,
 the kings of the Amorites, and
 their land [people],
 when He destroyed them.⁵
 YHWH will give them over to you,
 [reason:] that you may do to them
 according to every commandment
 that I have commanded you.⁶
 Be strong and of good courage,
 do not fear nor be afraid of them;
 for YHWH your God,
 He is the One who goes with you.
 He will not leave you nor forsake you.”

Hebrews 13:5c
 Let your conduct be without covet-
 ousness; be content with such things
 as you have. For He Himself has said,
 “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”

Moses Charges Joshua to Lead
⁷ Then Moses called Joshua and said
 to him in the sight of all Israel,

“Be strong and of good courage,
 for you must go with this people
 to the land that YHWH has sworn
 to their fathers to give them, and
 you shall cause them to inherit it.⁸
 And YHWH,
 He is the One who goes before you.
 He will be with you.
 He will not leave you nor forsake you;
 do not fear nor be dismayed.”

Read This Law to The People
⁹ ¶ So Moses wrote this law
 and delivered it
 to the priests,
 the sons of Levi,
 who bore the ark of the covenant
 of YHWH, and
 to all the elders of Israel.¹⁰
 And Moses commanded them, saying:
 “At the end of every seven [7] years
 at the appointed time
 in the year of release,
 at the Feast of Tabernacles,¹¹
 when all Israel comes to appear
 before YHWH your God
 in the place that He chooses,
 you shall read this law
 before all Israel
 in their hearing.¹²
 Gather the people together,
 men and women and little ones, and
 the stranger who is within your gates,
 [reasons:]
 that they may hear and
 that they may learn to
 fear YHWH your God and
 carefully observe
 all the words of this law,¹³ and
 that their children,
 who have not known it,

may hear and learn to
fear Y^{HWH} your God
as long as you live in the land
that you cross the Jordan to possess.”

Y^{HWH} Inaugurates Joshua

14 ¶ Then Y^{HWH} said to Moses,
“Behold,
the days approach when you must die;
call Joshua, and present yourselves
in the tabernacle of meeting,
[reason:] that I may inaugurate him.”
So Moses and Joshua went and pre-
sented themselves in the tabernacle of
meeting. 15 Now Y^{HWH} appeared
at the tabernacle
in a pillar of cloud,
and the pillar of cloud stood
above the door of the tabernacle.

Y^{HWH} Tells Israel's Future

16 And Y^{HWH} said to Moses:
“Behold,
you will rest with your fathers; and
this people will rise and play the har-
lot with the gods of the foreigners of
the land where they go to be among
them, and they will
forsake Me and
break My covenant,
which I have made with them. 17
Then My anger shall be aroused
against them in that day, and
I will forsake them, and
I will hide My face from them, and
they shall be devoured. And many
evils and troubles shall befall them,
so that they will say in that day,
‘Have not these evils come upon us
because our God is not among us?’ 18

And I will surely hide My face
in that day because of all the evil that
they [will] have done, in that
they [will] have turned to other gods. 19

Y^{HWH} Gives Moses a Song

Now therefore, write down this song for
yourselves, and teach it to the children
of Israel; put it in their mouths, [reason:]
that this song may be
a witness for Me
against the children of Israel. 20
When I have brought them to
‘the land flowing with milk and honey’,
of which I swore to their fathers, and
they have
eaten and
filled themselves and
grown fat,
then they will
turn to other gods and
serve them;
and they will
provoke Me and
break My covenant. 21
Then it shall be,
when many evils and troubles
have come upon them,
that this song will testify
against them
as a witness;
for it will not be forgotten
in the mouths of their descendants,
for I know the inclination of their
behavior today, even before I have
brought them to the land of which I
swore to give them.”

22 ¶ Therefore Moses wrote this song
the same day [his birthday: 31:1], and
taught it to the children of Israel. 23

Then He [Y^{HWH} v14] inaugurated Joshua
the son of Nun, and said,
“Be strong and of good courage; for you
shall bring the children of Israel into
the land of which I swore to them, and
I will be with you.” 24

Moses Charges the Levites

So it was,
when Moses had completed writing
the words of this law in a book,
when they were finished, 25
that Moses commanded the Levites,
who bore the ark of the covenant of
Y^{HWH}, saying: 26
“Take this Book of the Law, and put it
beside the ark of the covenant of Y^{HWH}
your God, [reason:]
that it may be there
as a witness
against you; 27
for I know
your rebellion and
your stiff neck.
If today, while I am yet alive with you,
you have been rebellious against Y^{HWH},
then how much more after my death? 28
Gather to me
all the elders of your tribes, and
your officers,
that I may speak these words in their
hearing and call [the inhabitants of]
heaven and [those of]
land [earth] [two witnesses]
to witness against them. 29 For
I know that after my death you will
become utterly corrupt, and
turn aside from the way that
I have commanded you;
and evil will befall you
in the latter days

[fulfilled when they were destroyed,
first by the Babylonians in 586 BC
and then by the Romans in AD 70],
because you will do evil in the sight of
Y^{HWH}, to provoke Him to anger
through the work of your hands.” 30

Moses Reads the Words of the Song

Then Moses spoke in the hearing of
all the assembly of Israel the words of
this song until they were ended:

Deuteronomy 32

Part 1

32:1 ¶ “Give ear, O heavens [angels],
and I will speak;
And hear, O land [earth] [people],
the words of my mouth. 2
Let my teaching drop as the rain,
My speech distill as the dew,
As raindrops on the tender herb, and
As showers on the grass. 3
For I proclaim the name of Y^{HWH}:
Ascribe greatness to our God — 4
The Rock: His work is perfect;
For all His ways are [define] justice,
A God of truth and without injustice;
Righteous and upright is He. 5
They have corrupted themselves;
They are not His children,
Because of their blemish: [cf. 1:35]
A perverse and crooked generation. 6
[See v20 & note at Mt 24:41, Oct 27]
Do you thus deal with Y^{HWH},
O foolish and unwise people?
Is He not your Father,
who bought you?
Has He not made you
and established you?

Part 2

7 ¶ Remember the days of old,
Consider the years of many generations.
Ask your father, and he will show you;
Your elders, and they will tell you: 8
When the Most High divided their
inheritance to the nations,
When He separated the sons of Adam,
He set the boundaries of the peoples
According to the number
of the children of Israel. 9
For YHWH's portion is His people;
Jacob is the place of His inheritance. 10
He found him
in a desert land And
in the wasteland,
a howling wilderness;
He encircled him,
He instructed him, [*pupil: protected*]
He kept him as the apple of His eye. 11
As an eagle stirs up its nest,
Hovers [*Ge 1:2b*] over its young,
Spreading out its wings, taking them up,
Carrying them on its wings, 12
So YHWH alone led him, And
There was no foreign god with him. 13
He made him ride
in the heights of the land [earth],
That he might eat
the produce of the fields;
He made him draw
honey from the rock, And
[olive] oil from the flinty rock; 14
curds from the cattle, and
milk of the flock,
With fat of lambs;
And rams of the breed of **Bashan**,
And goats,
With the choicest wheat;
And you drank wine,
the blood of the grapes.

Part 3

15 ¶ But **Jeshurun** [*“upright one”*];
a symbolic name for Israel;
first use (of 4): [33:5,26](#); [Is 44:2](#)]
grew fat and kicked;
You grew fat, you grew thick,
You are obese! [*as in America today*]
Then he forsook God who made him,
And scornfully esteemed
the Rock of his salvation. 16
They provoked Him to jealousy
with foreign gods;
With abominations
they provoked Him to anger. 17
They sacrificed
to demons, not to God,
To gods they did not know,
To new gods, new arrivals
That your fathers did not fear. 18
Of the Rock who begot you,
you are unmindful,
And have forgotten
the God who fathered you.

Part 4

19 ¶ And when YHWH saw it,
He spurned them,
Because of the provocation of
His sons and
His daughters
[only Bible reference to both]. 20
And He said:
‘I will hide My face from them,
I will see what their end will be,
For they are a perverse generation,
[cf. [1:35](#), [v5](#), & [Mt 24:41](#), [Oct 27](#)]
Children in whom is no faith. 21
They have provoked Me to jealousy
by what is not God;
They have moved Me to anger
by their foolish idols.

But

I will provoke them to jealousy
by those who are not a nation;
I will move them to anger
by a foolish nation [*Gentiles*]. 22

Romans 10:17-19

So then faith comes by hearing, and
hearing by the word of God. 18 But I
say, have they [*the Jews*] not heard?
Yes indeed [*cf. Ps 19:4*]:
“Their sound has gone out
to all the lands [earth], and
Their words to the ends of the world.” 19
But I say, did Israel not know?
First Moses says:
“I will provoke you to jealousy
by those who are not a nation,
I will move you to anger
by a foolish nation.”

For a fire is kindled by My anger, And
shall burn to the lowest grave
[hell] [*Hebrew: sheol*];

It shall consume
the land [earth] with her increase,
And set on fire
the foundations of the mountains. 23

I will heap disasters on them;
I will spend My arrows on them. 24
They shall be

wasted with hunger,
devoured by pestilence
and bitter destruction;

I will also send against them
the teeth of beasts, With
the poison of serpents of the dust. 25

The sword shall destroy outside;

There shall be terror within
For the young man and
virgin,

the nursing child with
the man of gray hairs.

Part 5

26 ¶ I would have said,
“I will dash them in pieces,
I will make the memory of them
to cease from among men”, 27
Had I not feared the wrath of
the enemy,
Lest their adversaries
should misunderstand,
Lest they should say,
“Our hand is high; And it is not
YHWH who has done all this.” 28
For they are a nation void of counsel,
Nor is there
any understanding in them. 29 Oh,
that they were wise,
that they understood this,
That they would consider
their latter end [*the results of their
actions, the consequences*]! 30
How could one chase a thousand,
[1,000]
And two put ten thousand to flight,
[10,000]
Unless their rock had sold them,
And YHWH had surrendered them? 31
For their rock is not like our Rock,
Even our enemies themselves
being judges. 32
For their vine is of the vine of **Sodom**,
And of the fields of **Gomorrhah**;
Their grapes are grapes of gall,
Their clusters are bitter. 33
Their wine is the poison of dragons
[serpents] [*dinosaurs*],
And the cruel venom of cobras. 34
Is this not laid up in store with Me,
Sealed up among My treasures? 35

Vengeance is Mine, and recompense;

Romans 12:19

Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to [NIV: leave room for God's] wrath; for it is written,

“Vengeance is Mine, I will repay”,

Hebrews 10:29-30a

Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace? 30

For we know Him who said,

“Vengeance is Mine, I will repay”,

Their foot shall slip in due time;

For the day of their calamity is at hand,

And the things to come

hasten upon them.’ 36

For YHWH will judge His people

Hebrews 10:30b

says the Lord [YHWH]. And again,

“YHWH will judge His people.”

And have compassion on His servants,

When He sees that their power is gone,

And no one remains, bond or free. 37

He will say:

‘Where are their gods,

The rock in which they sought refuge? 38

Who ate the fat of their sacrifices, And

drank the wine of their drink offering?

Let them rise and help you,

And be your refuge.’

Part 6

39 ¶ Now see that I, even I, am He,

And there is no God besides Me

— I kill and I make alive,

I wound and I heal —

Nor is there any

who can deliver from My hand. 40

For I raise My hand to heaven, and say,

‘As I live forever, 41

If I whet My glittering sword,

And My hand takes hold on judgment,

I will render vengeance to My enemies,

And repay those who hate Me. 42

I will make My arrows drunk with blood,

And My sword shall devour flesh,

With the blood of the slain

and the captives,

From the heads of the leaders

of the enemy [apostate Israel].’ 43

Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people;

Romans 15:10

And again He says:

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people!”

For He will

avenge the blood of His servants, and

render vengeance to His adversaries;

He will provide atonement

for His land, [and]

His people.”

[This looks forward to all nations, the Gentiles, being His land, His people.]

End of Song’s Words

44 ¶ So [recapping] Moses came with Joshua the son of Nun and spoke all the words of this song in the hearing of the people. 45 Moses finished speaking all these words to all Israel. 46

Moses Again Charges The People

And he said to them:

“Set your hearts on all the words that I testify among you today, which you shall command your children to be careful to observe — all the words of this law. 47 For it is not a futile thing for you, because it is your life, and by this word you shall prolong your days in the land that you cross over the Jordan to possess.” 48

YHWH Tells Moses to Go, See, Die

Then YHWH spoke to Moses that very same day, saying: 49

“Go up this mountain of the Abarim, Mount Nebo (which is in the land of Moab, across from Jericho);

view the land of Canaan

that I give to the children of Israel

as a possession; 50 and

die on the mountain

that you ascend, and

be gathered to your people,

just as Aaron your brother

died on Mount Hor and was

gathered to his people; 51 [reasons:]

because you trespassed against Me

among the children of Israel

at the waters of Meribah Kadesh,

in the Wilderness of Zin [Nu 20:13],

because you did not hallow Me in the

midst of the children of Israel. 52

Yet you shall see the land before you,

though you shall not go there,

into the land that I am giving to

the children of Israel.”

Psalm 90

1 ¶ <A Prayer of Moses the man of God>

Lord [Adonai],

You have been our dwelling place

in all generations. 2

Before the mountains were brought forth,

Or ever You had formed [on day 3]

the land [earth] [Ge 1:9-10] and

the world [land, sea, and all],

Even from everlasting to everlasting,

You are God. 3

You turn man to destruction,

And say, “Return, O children of men.” 4

For a thousand [1,000] years

in Your sight

Are like yesterday when it is past,

And like a watch in the night. 5

You carry them away like a flood;

They are like a sleep.

In the morning they are like grass

that grows up: 6

In the morning it flourishes and grows up;

In the evening it is cut down and withers.

7 ¶

For we have been consumed

by Your anger, And

by Your wrath

we are terrified. 8

You have set

our iniquities

before You,

Our secret sins

in the light of

Your countenance. 9

For all our days have passed away

in Your wrath;

We finish our years like a sigh. 10

The days of our lives are
 seventy [70] years;
 And if by reason of strength they are
 eighty [80] years,
 Yet their boast is only labor and sorrow;
 For it is soon cut off, and we fly away. 11
 Who knows the power of Your anger?
 For as the fear of You,
 so is Your wrath. 12 ¶
 So teach us to number our days,
 That we may gain a heart of wisdom. 13
 Return, O YHWH! How long? And
 Have compassion on Your servants. 14
 Oh, satisfy us early with Your mercy,
 That we may rejoice and be glad
 all our days! 15
 Make us glad according to
 The days in which You have afflicted us,
 The years in which we have seen evil. 16
 Let Your work appear to Your servants,
 And Your glory ... to their children. 17
 And let the beauty of YHWH our God
 be upon us, And
 Establish the work of our hands for us;
 Yes,
 Establish the work of our hands.

[Perhaps Zimri-Cosbi Nu 25:1-15? →]

March 22

[Audio: Steve Gregg De 33-34]

Deuteronomy 33

Moses' Blessing on Israel

33:1 ¶ Now this is the blessing with which
 Moses the man of God blessed the
 children of Israel before his death. 2
 And he said:

“YHWH came from Sinai,
 And dawned on them from Seir;
 He shone forth from Mount Paran, And
 He came with [60] ten thousands
 [10,000s; symbolic number] of saints;
 [actually 601,730 men: Nu 26:51;
 see Population Analysis]

From His right hand
 Came a fiery law for them. 3
 Yes, He loves the people;
 All His saints are in Your hand;
 They sit down at Your feet;
 Everyone receives Your words. 4
 Moses commanded a law for us,
 A heritage of the congregation
 of Jacob. 5 [cf. 32:15]
 And He was King in Jeshurun,
 When the leaders of the people
 were gathered,
 All the tribes of Israel together.” 6 ¶

Blessings on Specific Tribes

“Let Reuben live, and not die,
 Nor let his men be few.” 7

[Why is Simeon left out? Cf. Ge 49:7b]

And this he said of Judah:
 “Hear, YHWH, the voice of Judah,
 And bring him to his people;
 Let his hands be sufficient for him,
 And may You be a help
 against his enemies.” 8 ¶

And of Levi he said:
 “Let Your Thummim [“Perfection”]
 and Your Urim [“Lights”]
 be with Your holy one [Levi],
 Whom You tested at Massah,
 And with whom You contended
 at the waters of Meribah, 9
 Who says of his father and mother,
 ‘I have not seen them’;
 Nor did he acknowledge his brothers,
 Or know his own children;
 [in preference to YHWH (hyperbole)]
 For they have observed
 Your word
 And kept Your covenant. 10
 They shall teach
 Jacob Your judgments, And
 Israel Your law.
 They shall put incense before You,
 And a whole burnt sacrifice
 on Your altar. 11
 Bless his substance, YHWH, And
 Accept the work of his hands;
 Strike the loins
 of those who rise against him,
 And of those who hate him,
 that they rise not again.” 12 ¶

Of Benjamin he said:

“The beloved of YHWH shall
 dwell in safety by Him,
 Who shelters him all the day long;
 And he shall
 dwell between His shoulders.” 13

And of Joseph he said:

“Blessed of YHWH is his land,
 With the precious things
 of heaven,
 With the dew, And
 the deep lying beneath, 14

With the precious fruits
 of the sun,
 With the precious produce
 of the months, 15
 With the best things
 of the ancient mountains,
 With the precious things
 of the everlasting hills, 16
 With the precious things
 of the land [earth] and its fullness,
 And the favor of Him
 who dwelt in the [burning] bush.
 Let the blessing come
 ‘on the head of Joseph, And
 on the crown of the head of him who
 was separate[d] from his brothers.’ 17
 His glory is like a firstborn bull, And
 his horns like the horns of the wild ox;
 Together [wrong word placement?]
 with them He shall push the peoples
 [With them He shall push the peoples
 (or nations) together (see YLT)]
 To the ends of the lands/continents [earth];
 They are the ten thousands [10,000s]
 of Ephraim,
 And they are the thousands [1,000s]
 of Manasseh.”

18 ¶ And of Zebulun [and Issachar]
 he said:

“Rejoice, Zebulun, in your going out,
 And Issachar, in your tents! 19
 They shall call the peoples
 [or nations] to the mountain;
 There they shall offer
 sacrifices of righteousness;
 For they shall partake
 of the abundance of the seas And
 of treasures hidden in the sand.”

20 And of **Gad** he said:
 “**Blessed** is he who enlarges **Gad**;
 He dwells as a lion, And tears the arm
 and the crown of his head. 21
 He provided the **first part** for himself,
 Because a lawgiver’s portion
 was reserved **there**.
 He came *with* the heads of the people;
 He administered **the justice of Y^{HWH}**,
 And **His judgments** with Israel.”

22 ¶ And of **Dan** he said: [*cf. Ge 49:9*]
 “Dan is a lion’s whelp;
 He shall leap from **Bashan**.”

23 And of **Naphtali** he said:
 “O **Naphtali**, satisfied with **favor**,
 And full of **the blessing of Y^{HWH}**,
 Possess the west and the south.”

24 And of **Asher** he said:
 “Asher is **most blessed** of sons;
 Let him be **favoured** by his brothers,
 And let him dip his foot in [*olive*] oil. 25
 Your sandals shall be **iron** and **bronze**;
 As **your days**, so shall your strength be.

Israel’s Blessed Position

26 ¶ “There is [*cf. 32:15*]
 no one like the **God of Jeshurun**,
 Who rides the heavens to help you,
 And in **His excellency** on the clouds. 27
The eternal God is your refuge,
 And underneath are the **everlasting arms**;
He will thrust out [*^ or Eternal*]
 the enemy from before you,
 And will say, ‘**Destroy!**’ 28
Then Israel shall dwell in **safety**,
The fountain of Jacob alone,
 In a land of **grain** and **new wine**;
His heavens shall also drop dew. 29

Happy are you, O **Israel!**
 Who is like you,
 a people **saved** by **Y^{HWH}**,
 The shield of your help And
 The sword of your majesty!
 Your enemies shall submit to you,
 And you shall tread down
 their **high places**.”

Deuteronomy 34
Moses Goes Up, Sees the Land, Dies

34:1 ¶ **Then** Moses went up from
the plains of Moab to
Mount Nebo [*“Prophet”*], to
 the top of **Pisgah** [*“Cleft”*],
 which is across from **Jericho**.
 [*“its moon”; 5 miles (8 km) west
 of the Jordan and 7 miles (11.5
 km) north of the Dead Sea.*]

And **Y^{HWH}** showed him
 all the land of **Gilead** [*“rocky region”*]
 as far as Dan, 2
 all Naphtali and
 the land of Ephraim and Manasseh,
 all the land of Judah
 as far as the **Western Sea**, 3
 the **South**, and
 the plain of the Valley of **Jericho**,
 the city of palm trees,
 as far as **Zoar**. 4

Then **Y^{HWH}** said to him,
 “**This is the land of which I swore to give**
Abraham,
Isaac, and
Jacob,
 saying,
 ‘I will **give it** to your **Seed [descendants]**
 [*Ga 3:16*].’
 I have caused you to **see it with your eyes,**
 but you shall not cross over **there**.”

[Perhaps Joshua went up with Moses
 and returned with those words (vv1-4,
 written by Moses) before Moses died
 and **Y^{HWH}** buried him. This last part
 was likely written by Joshua:]

5 ¶ So Moses the servant of **Y^{HWH}** died
 there in the land of **Moab**, according to
 the word of **Y^{HWH}**. 6 And **He** buried
 him in a valley in the land of **Moab**,
 opposite **Beth Peor**; but no one knows
 his grave to **this day**. 7 Moses was
 one hundred and twenty [*120*] years
 old when he died [*in 2553 AB: Ex 7:7*].
 His eyes were not dim nor his natural
 vigor diminished. 8 And the children
 of Israel wept for Moses in **the plains
 of Moab** **thirty [30] days** [*taking them to
 the next, or 41st, year, ExodusYear+40,
 2554 AB: 1:3, 31:2*]. So **the days** of weep-
 ing and mourning for Moses **ended**.

9 ¶ **Now** Joshua the son of Nun was
 full of **the spirit of wisdom**, [*reason:*]
 for Moses had laid his hands on him;
 so the children of Israel heeded him,
 and did as **Y^{HWH}** had commanded Moses.
 10 But **since then** there has not [*yet*]
 arisen in Israel a prophet like Moses,
 whom **Y^{HWH}** knew face to face, 11
 in all the **signs** and **wonders**
that **Y^{HWH}** sent him to do
 in the land of **Egypt**,
 before Pharaoh,
 before all his servants, and
 in all his land, 12 and
 by all that mighty power and
 all the great terror
that Moses performed
 in the sight of all Israel.

March 22 cont’d:

Forward to: [Joshua](#)

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Relevant to Creation:

Deuteronomy 4:16-19

... 16 lest you act corruptly and make for yourselves

a carved image

in the form of any figure:

the likeness of male or female, 17

the likeness of any animal

that is on the land [earth] or

the likeness of any winged bird

that flies in the air [heaven], 18

the likeness of anything

that creeps on the ground or

the likeness of any fish

that is in the water beneath

[below in altitude] the land

[earth]. 19

And take heed, lest you lift your eyes to heaven, and when you see

the sun,

the moon, and

the stars —

all the host of heaven, [Job 31:26]

you feel driven to

worship them and

serve them,

which **Y_{HWH} your God**

has assigned [given] to

all the peoples under the whole heaven

as a heritage.

Deuteronomy 10:14

Indeed, heaven [air & expanse?] —

and the highest heavens

[the spiritual heavens?]

— belong to **Y_{HWH} your God**, also

the land [earth] with all that is in it.

Notes from lectures by Steve Gregg:

De 4:2,5 The teachings of Moses ARE

the teachings of God: [Mt 15:4](#) || [Mk 7:10](#)

God said || Moses said.

[Re 22:18](#) if anyone adds...or takes away...

[Pr 30:5-6](#) do not add, but many Bible

books written after that time: hence, do not add human rules and regulations (traditions) to **His Word**.

De 4:6—[Ps 119:97-100](#) wiser than my enemies, teachers

De 4:7—**God** is near when they (we) need **Him**

De 4:24—He 12:29 impending doom of Israel in that day: AD 70. “A consuming fire”—Ex 24:17 “a jealous God”—Ex 20:9.

De 4:37—Ro 11:28 concerning the election: “they are beloved for the sake of their fathers” v7ff “the election have obtained it”, i.e., the remnant of Jews; Is 54:9-10 “my covenant of peace shall not depart from you” (the remnant, then the church); Rom 11:28 “they are beloved for their fathers sake” echoes De 4:37.

Pr 30:6-9 Agur was not strong spiritually, afraid he would deny God if rich or poor, but Paul was content in all circumstances Cold-blooded vs warm-blooded: internal control vs being controlled by the outward circumstances; in the New Covenant, the law is internalized = want to love & please **God**.

[De 6:16](#) quoted by Jesus in the Temptation in the wilderness: tempting **God** = insisting that **God** keep **His promises** even when you are not doing what **He** directed us to do, do something **God** did not tell **Him** to do, and expect protections.

De 7:23 use of “until”: in NT “until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled”—that is the goal, with no comment or implication about what happens afterward.

Ro 11:25 “until the fullness of the Gentiles is come in”: hearts will be hardened until the goal is achieved of gathering all

the Gentiles, with no implication about what happens afterward.

De 8:17—Da 4:30 Nebuchadnezzar says he built Babylon by his own strength.

Ps 2:8—**God** promised the nations to **Jesus**; it is being fulfilled because of that promise not because of our faithfulness or righteousness. **He** is being faithful and just toward **Jesus**, and merciful toward us. **God** owes **Christ** because of **His promise** to **Him**.

[De 10:6-7](#)(or8 or 9?) Why this parenthesis, and is there a contained parenthesis?

De 10:14—Ps 115:16—He has given the land to the sons of men (but it is still **His**, just on loan – we are tenant farmers).

De 10:16—stiff-necked: refusing to bow your head in submission = rebellion to the King. Php 3:3 true circumcision Ro 2:29 a Jew inwardly.

De 10:20-22—being more like **God** means we can have a deeper relationship with **Him**.

De 12—transition: from looking back to their sins and **God’s faithfulness** anyway, to looking forward to their being in the Promised Land, in the form of a repeat and slight modification of the laws.

De 12:1-4—2Ki 23:4-19 Josiah much later had to destroy such things.

[De 12:8](#)—Isn’t this opposed to what Steve teaches about this clause in Judges? Or is the sense reversed by v9, once they are in the promised land?

De 13:13—De 17:7,17; 19:19

De 13:10—Not generally practiced, but for Elijah and the prophets of Baal: 1Ki 18:40 and Jehu 2Ki 10:19.

De 13:17—Ac 19:19 bond fire of accursed books.

De 14:1-4—Ps 103:13 **Father**-children (as **Jesus** referred to **Him**) so behave like it. [\[also see Ex 19:5\]](#)

De 14:19—Lev 11:22 Insects with knees above the body (grasshoppers, crickets) are exceptions not stated here (illustrating a principle of interpretation).

De 14:28-29—Scholars not certain is this is an additional tithe. Jews came to take it as additional.

De 15:1-18—Lev 25:39-55 Releasing slaves (female slaves added here).

De 15:7-11—Release of debt: 7 => complete, so Jesus taught to do it as a way of life.

De 15:12-18 are added to the old law: set them up for success upon release.

De 16:9 Pentacost = **Feast of Weeks** add Ex and Lev 23 refs

De 16:18-20—**God**, the **King**, made the laws (our Congress), and the judges were there to judge the application of that law (our judiciary)

De 16:21-22—Private altars anticipated? Or even authorized here, although disallowed elsewhere? [\[Set out as separate paragraph.\]](#) Ro 2:2 Perfect will of **God**, not **His permissive will** (what we might get away with, what **He** allows and even regulates, but doesn’t really want).

De 17:1—Mal 1:8,13 Sacrifice that has cost you nothing.

De 17:2-7—Death for Idolatry. Inquire diligently: 2 or more witnesses.

Witnesses must be the first to throw stones, as Jesus demanded of the Pharisees: [Jn 8:7](#).

De 17:14-20—If/when you reject **God** as **King**, at least let **God** choose the human king: regulated permissive will rather than **His perfect will**. Wives as political alliances for protection, rather than **God**: 1Ki 10:14. Horses for strength, rather than depending on **God**. Copy **the Law** so he knows it and can judge accordingly and lead well.

De 18:15—[Add Ac quotes?](#)

De 19:1-13—Cities of Refuge for the West Side (cf. 4:41 for Eastern)

De 19:15—Mt 18, 1Ti 5:19, etc.

De 19:16ff—Bearing false witness

- De 20—Just War idea came from Augustine (Greek philosopher following Plato and theologian, thus his ideas are a mix of the two), thus the idea came from Plato. Just War (according to Augustine): (1) Totally defensive, (2) As much as possible, no civilian casualties, (3) ????
- De 21:23—“is” = “**is declared**”
- De 22:1-4—Ex 23:4-5 only “brother” here
- De 22:5—Styles are cultural. The extreme is transsexuality. Christians should be sure they are not sending the wrong message.
- De 22:6-7—An environmental concern: don’t needlessly destroy a specie.
- De 22:8—Criminal negligence.
- De 22:9-11—Three laws re not mixing things. Not a matter of practicality, but of mixing things that are not alike, illustrating the idea of not mixing with unbelievers: 1Co 6:14.
- De 22:13-21—Committing adultery against the future husband (spouse). Seems like the man who has falsely accused his bride, and she would be put to death, then he should be put to death. Does his life sentence count as equivalent? Or is it better for her to still have a husband than to be a widow?
- De 23:15-16—Slaves who escaped were considered free. See Philemon: Paul only counseled Onesimus to return (to restore relationship); he did not return him.
- De 23:21-23—Ec 5:1-6
- De 24:1-4—Moses commands here that a husband cannot remarry a wife after she has married another, but only allows that someone may give his wife a certificate of divorce. Mt 19:7-8 Jesus seems to agree that Moses allowed giving a certificate of divorce. Perhaps this is to discourage frivolous reasons for divorce? If he found some uncleanness in her the first time, he cannot change his mind and take her back.
- Jer 3:1 come back to me
- Jer 3:8-11—Cert. of divorce to Israel?
- Isa 50:1-2—Cert. of divorce, not by **God** but by Israel.
- De 24:5—Marriage preempts other issues.
- De 24:16—Achan’s children were not an exception: they were likely grown and accomplices. Likewise, this eliminates the idea that each of us is born guilty of Adam’s sin.
- De 25:5-10—Ruth 4:7-8 A little different procedure. Perhaps the procedure developed over time to the unwilling brother giving his sandal to a willing kinsman.
- De 25:11-12—Reproduction was then very important.
- De 27:1-8—Laws written on the white-wash, not carved into the stones, so it was one-time, or required regular maintenance.
- De 28:25—Zech 12:2 All the kingdoms are a problem to Israel, AND VICE VERSA: Israel a curse to them instead of a blessing to them.
- De 28:35—**Isa 1:5-6**—From head to sole
- De 28:43—Palestinians = aliens.
- De 28:45—“Forever” is conditional in previous blessings; here the curses are also “forever”. All depends on their behavior.
- De 28:53-57—As happened (canabalism) in **586 BC** under Babylonia and in **AD 70** under the Romans.
- De 28:68—Back to Egypt in ships: bondage, not just there but everywhere: all nations.
- De 29:18e—He 12:15 root of bitterness is associated with serving false gods: a bitter taste (as the herbs reminding the Jews of the bitterness of the bondage in Egypt), hence it refers to hard times — brought on them by serving those gods or self as explained in v19: the attitude of “I am eternally secure and can do as I like” is the root that leads to the bitterness of judgment of **God**.
- Jude 4 “who turned the grcae of the Lord into licencsciousness”, permission to sin; i.e., “we are saved by grace, so we can get away with sin” = false doctrine. Ti 2:11-12: “grace.. teaches us... deny ungodliness and ... righteousness”.
- De 29:21 even if the nation obeys, an individual disobedient man will also get all the curses of ch. 28.
- De 29:23—Isa 1:9 “we would become like S & G...you rulers/people of S & G” Israel’s judgment will not be literal brimstone, but will be like it.
- De 29:29—Be content with the things that we know (not adding extras that we don’t know): they are near us, not in heaven, not in the sea. Leaves the mysteries that **God** has kept to **Himself** alone. Cf. De 30:12-13.
- De 30:9e—De 28:63
- De 31:2—going out nad coming in = an idium for leading; not that Moses is incapable physically [**later ref**], but **God** is releaving him of duty, ready to turn it over to another.
- De 31:7-8—Jos 1:9 Perhaps this is when **God** said it?
- De 31:9—Lev 10???-9-1 Do not drink wine...so they can teach.
- De 32:11 “stirs up its nest” to make the babies uncomfortable so they will leave the nest; then she helps them learn to fly. **God** is **Father**, but here **He** also shows motherly traits.
- De 32:15: “**my little** upright one”
- De 32:21—Essentially a threat of divorce and marrying another. (Mt 17:17???)
- De 32:35—**Add He 10:28, Ro 12:20**-heap coals of fire on his head, i.e., future judgment by **God**, due to no retribution by me now.
- De 32:42—Ja 4:4 Friendship with the world means an enemy of **God**.
- De 33:7pre”a”—Nu 25:1-15 Baal Peor Zimri from Simeon, Cozbi Moabite
- De 32:2—Ac 7 (Stephen) Ga 3:19 Law given by the mediation of angels. He 2:2 Word spoken through angels: Law of Moses. So the 10,000s of **His saints** could be the angels, but they are also mentioned in v3, which seems clearly to be Israel.
- De 33:19c—Isa 60:1-5 abundance of the sea, the Gentiles; possibly some of the disciples were from Zebulun & Isachar; Mt 9 (4?):1b the people who dwell in darkness shall see a great light.
- De:33:20-21—Gad: impossible to know how this relates to other history in the Bible.
- De 33:22—Dan was at that time in Bashan.

March 10, 2018

Easter & Passover are approaching.

Here is the scriptural schedule of the Passion Week. Abib is the Jew's first month (lunar, from new moon to new moon). Parts of three weeks are involved.

Day 6, Abib 8, Lamb anointed 6 days before Passover (8th+6=14th) Jn 12:1-8

Day 7, Abib 9, Sabbath

Passion Week:

Day 1, Abib 10, Lamb chosen =
Triumphal Entry: Ex 12:3

Day 2, Abib 11.

Day 3, Abib 12.

Day 4, Abib 13.

Day 5, Abib 14, Lamb slain on Passover:
Ex 12:6, Le 23:5, Nu 33:3

Day 6, Abib 15, Holy Convocation =
First Day Feast of Unleavened Bread,
no customary work, High Sabbath:
Le 23:6

Day 7, Abib 16, regular Sabbath

Resurrection:

Day 1, Abib 17, Lamb rose as Firstfruits:
the High Priest (Jesus) waived himself: Le 23:11, 1Co 15:23

Walk to Emmaus "third day since these things happened": 3rd-Day1, 2nd-Day7, 1st-Day 6, since they happened on Day 5

Jesus was "in the heart of the earth" 3 daytimes and 3 nighttimes: D5day (part), D6night, D6day, D7night, D7day, D1night (most).

He was buried just before sundown D5 and arose just before dawn D1.

All according to Scripture, as referenced.
Hallelujah! I am blessed that Scriptural fulfillment is so precise.

ⁱ The wording in this passage, regarding the timing, seems to me to be a bit confusing. But the Israelites were likely not confused. I have added comments to clarify according to Ex 12 and Lev 23.

ⁱⁱ A bad idea prophecied by Moses that they would do.

ⁱⁱⁱ It is good for us to write down Scripture for ourselves, as I have done in making this Chronological Bible. Try it; you will like it.